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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

732nd Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 1998 - 2:00 p.m.

The 732nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Eugene L. Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Gordon Chin
Rotea Gilford
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

William P. Getty

2. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC MEETINGS ON FY 98-99

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will be holding two public meetings in January on FY 98-99—the budget for the upcoming year. The purpose of these meetings is to allow the public to voice their ideas and concerns regarding needs at playgrounds and recreation centers throughout the City. The first meeting will be held on January 21, 1998 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Randall Museum. The second meeting will be held on January 29, 1998 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the County Fair Building.

SAFE HAVEN

Safe Haven, a component of the Delancey Street Juvenile Justice Action Program is in operation at the Joseph Lee Recreation Center. This project is a collaboration between Delancey Street, the Recreation and Park Department, the Bayview Opera House, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Unified School District, a variety of other public/private agencies and the Southeast Community.

Safe Haven is an after school program designed to provide a safe environment where youth will receive developmental services in academics, vocation, sports cultural arts and interpersonal relationships. Specific activities identified in youth focus groups will include tutoring, computer training, art and graphic arts, culinary arts (supervised by Delancey Street Restaurant Manager), desktop publishing, sales training, organized basketball, tennis instruction and involvement with 49'ers and Giants, conflict/anger management and youth outreach into the Community.

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Prevention and intervention of youth entering or re-entering the juvenile justice system and/or adverse behavior are ultimate goals of the Safe Haven program. The Recreation and Park Department has an onsite staff person who assists with coordination of services between Delancey Street/Safe Haven Personnel and Recreation and Park staff.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONTRACT

The Department is moving forward to conduct a Citywide needs assessment program. This will involve community outreach to the nine operational districts to determine needs and priorities for Recreation and Park facilities, landscaping and programming. A consultant team is in the process of being hired thru a standing "as needed" DPW contract. They have initiated work in reviewing all the needs assessment materials prepared to date and in the process, have updated the facilities list. The consultant team will train staff to outreach all communities throughout San Francisco. It is expected that community meetings will be held this spring with results of the assessment effort available by June or July of this year.

STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

The Recreation and Park Department, working with the Department of Public Works, is initiating storm damage repairs. The DPW will repair broken windows with glass and will replace plastic sheeting with lexan panels to provide sheer strength to the building. Motorized list will be placed in front of the Conservatory to allow workers to access the dome in the process of replacing broken glass.

The restoration plan is moving ahead with the conceptual plan to be presented at a public meeting in February.

ZOO UPDATE

1. In December the Zoo held a Christmas sale which brought in over $11,000 in revenue. This was a special evening event with decorations done by staff volunteers. It will probably become an annual event.

2. December attendance at the Zoo topped 34,000 which is the highest December on record. Good weather on weekends was a major contributing factor. So far January has not been nearly as cooperative.

3. The spring attractions at the Zoo this year will be Lorikeet Landing, a walk through bird exhibit where the birds will come down to feed off nectar in cups held by the guests, and reinstallation of Little Puffer, the steam train that was removed to allow construction of Gorilla World in 1976.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 19, 1998	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Tuesday, January 27, 1998	Friends of Recreation and Parks, VIP New Member's Reception; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Beach Chalet
Tuesday, February 3, 1998	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

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Wednesday, February 4, 1998	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. (tour),5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, February 5, 1998	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, February 13, 1998	Ribbon Cutting for the renovation of Margaret Hayward Playground; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Monday, February 16, 1998	Presidents Day

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES.NO. 9801-001

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the December 18, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9081-002

RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept the following gifts valued at $57,100.00 from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. **From Betty Silverman, $1,000.00 for the Golden Gate Park Stables.**
2. **From the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, $6,000.00 for the Palace of Fine Arts Repair Fund.**
3. **From High Speed Productions, Inc., $1,500.00 for the Special Needs Program.**
4. **From the San Francisco Orchid Society, $1,100.00 for the GGP Orchid Fund**
5. **From an anonymous donor, $10,000.00 for the GGP Conservatory of Flowers.**
6. **From an anonymous donor, $20,000.00 for the Special Teen Programs .**
7. **From Elizabeth Torrez, $2,500.00 for the GGP Conservatory of Flowers.**
8. **From Susan and George Fesus through the Strybing Arboretum Society, one Toro Workman with Dump Bed Ultility Vehicle valued at $16,000.00 to be used at the Strybing Arboretum in the Botanical Gardens.**

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9801-003
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

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Mesker Park Zoo	**One Female Pygmy Marmoset**
2421 Bement Avenue	**Sale $300.00**
Evansville, IL 47720	**USDA #32-C-011**

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES.NO. 9801-004
STEAM TRAIN RESTORATION APPROVAL
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the steam train restoration.

4. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE FOR 1998 REGULAR SEASON TICKETS
Discussion and possible action to approve an 11% increase in the price of an admission ticket to regular season games for the 1998 San Francisco 49er football season from $45.00 to $50.00.

Tom Hart presented this item to the Commission. The Recreation and Park Commission last approved an increase in the admission price for regular season games for the San Francisco 49ers on March 21, 1996. If the Commission were to approve the increase, the 1998 regular season ticket price would be no more than the 6th highest when compared to the 1997 league prices.

The current (FY97-98) budgeted figure for 49er net revenue to the Department is $2,908,000.00 This requested price increase would result in an estimated increase of $340,117.00 to an annual revenue of $3,248,117.00 for FY98-99.

Staff recommended approval of this item.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked where the additional funds would go. Tom Hart stated that it would increase the Department's budget. **Commissioner Friend** stated that it would go into the General Fund and that the Department would then request it. Joel Robinson stated that at the meeting with the Mayor on the budget, the Department was assured that on revenues over and above what were generated this year would remain with the Department.

Commissioner Salinas made a motion to approve the increase, **Commissioner Flunder** seconded it.

Commissioner Gilford stated that he believed there had been a previous discussion to ask both the 49ers and the Giants for additional participation between the teams and the community. He asked if this had occurred. There was some discussion amongst the Commissioners in regard to this. **Joel Robinson** stated that he believed that the staff should have a conversation with the 49ers on this matter, but that it should not be tied to the request for a fee increase. **Murlan Fowell**, Director of Stadium Operations gave a brief overview of those projects that the 49ers were involved in within the community. He stated that he would send a letter to the Commission outlining what projects the 49ers participate in with the community.

Commissioner Flunder called for the question.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Flunder, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-005

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an 11% increase in the price of an admission ticket to regular season games for the 1998 San Francisco 49er football season from $45.00 to $50.00.

This item was passed unanimously

5. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF A LEASE AMENDMENT
Discussion and possible action to approve the corrected Second Amendment to the Lease with Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation.

Tom Hart presented this item to the Commission. He explained that on March 21, 1996 the Recreation and Park Commission approved, the Second Amendment to the lease with the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation. Due to a clerical error, an incorrect first draft of the amendment was inadvertently included in the package. Although the agenda document referenced the correct amendment and the correct exhibit is in the Commission files, the signed copies that were sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval included the incorrect draft. Staff became aware of this last fall. A corrected Second Amendment was approved by the full Commission in January of 1997. The corrected amendment was not immediately transmitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Because of the delay, and since other language including Equal Benefits needed to be included, staff made the necessary additions and were now requesting the Commission's approval.

On motion of Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Gilford, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-006

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the corrected Second Amendment to the Lease with Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation.

This item was passed unanimously.

6. **DOLPHIN CLUB**
APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE
Discussion and possible action to approve the request by the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, Inc. to increase its membership fees.

Tim Lillyquist presented this item. He stated that the 25 year lease with the Dolphin Club was executed in 1979 and would expire in 2004. The rental terms of the Lease required the Club to pay the Department 10% of its gross revenues which included membership fees. The Lease also stated that the Club may not increase its membership fees without the approval of this Department.

The Club had recently entered into a new contract for its janitorial services. In order to pay for the increased cost of this contract, it proposed to raise its membership fees by $12.00 per year in each of two categories: Regular membership would be increased from $360.00 to $372.00 per year, and Lifetime membership would be increased form $100.00 to $112.00 per year.

Staff recommended approval of the increase.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Gilford, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-007

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the request by the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, Inc. to increase its membership fees.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK WEST END ENTRIES**
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Discussion and possible action to award contract to Bauman Landscape Inc. in the amount of $1,056,300 for improvements at the west end of Golden Gate Park including entry ways and pathways.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. This would be phase three of improvements to the west end of Golden Gate Park. Prior to this phase a new curb alignment had been completed and the Beach Chalet was done. The concept to this component had been approved several years previously. This phase provided completion of the multipurpose trail along the west end of Golden Gate Park. With completion of this trail segment, there will be a continuous multipurpose trail from Sloat Boulevard to Balboa Street along the Great Highway. Additional improvements include landscaping the park up to the existing curb line, pedestrian pathways, beatification of the entry ways at Kennedy Drive and Lincoln Way, and improvements at the equestrian trail east of the Great Highway. Friends of Recreation and Parks through the Lila Wallace Readers Digest grant is contributing $501,000. The remaining $555,300 is from the Golden Gate Park Bond.

Bauman Landscape Inc. is currently working on the Stanyan Meadow project in Golden Gate Park. They have successfully completed the Franklin Square soccer field and do excellent work. Bauman Landscape does not have an MBE or LBE preference. They were the low bidder out of eleven firms that bid on this project. Staff recommended approval of this contract to Bauman Landscaping.

Dr. Patrice Bozich asked from the audience Bauman Landscape Inc.'s address. Deborah Learner replied that the address was 115 Brookside Drive, Richmond, California. She stated for a second time that they were not a local business.

Commissioner Chin stated that although he supported this award, he was disappointed to see all the minority businesses on the bottom end of the bid. He would like the Department through the General Manager to report back and give the Commission a sense of what the relationship with HRC was at this point to make some of the minority bidders more competitive. He stated there was a big disparity in numbers. He stated that all the MBE bids were substantially higher. **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** asked if the others were all local contractors. Deborah stated that Bauman, Merz, Valley Crest, Watkin & Bortolussi and Bothman had no preference. She stated that Valley Crest was not in San Francisco and that she believed Watkin & Bortolussi were not in San Francisco. She was not familiar with either Merz or Bothman as to whether they were local, but they did not have a MBE preference. They were not minority or woman owned businesses. The other bidders - Ruiz, JMB, Stacy & Witbeck, Interstate and McKee were local and all had an MBE preference. **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** stated that although the local businesses were more expensive it is more expensive to operate in the City because of overhead, yet they are disadvantaged to be getting the job. **Commissioner Flunder** added that it was also more expensive to operate a smaller business. **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** stated that she was surprised that they were not getting extra points as local businesses. Deborah stated they

were given extra points - 10% preference. She also stated that Interstate/MH which was a joint venture bid higher then others on this contract, however, it is involved in the Pioneer Zone, the McLaren Lodge contract and they have been doing the restrooms in Golden Gate Park.

Commissioner Salinas stated that he believed that this Commission had been and would be more sensitive than previous Commissions where the contracts were concerned. The fact that there was a contract committee stated that loud and clear. He stated that he felt is was extremely important that this Commission assured that local contractors received work because when that is done local people were put to work. Although this was not always a possibility with just a little effort he believed that the Commission could make a difference.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she agreed with Commissioner Chin's point about technical assistance. She was very much concerned because in almost every area where proposals were written or people made bids for contracts often times those MBE that were seeking to get those contracts were in the greatest need of technical assistance.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-008

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an award contract to Bauman Landscape Inc. in the amount of $1,056,300 for improvements at the west end of Golden Gate Park including entry ways and pathways.

Ayes: Friend, Flunder, Chin, McArdle-Solomon, Salinas
No: Gilford

Commissioner Gilford stated that he believed that there was a standard that needed to be met and that the Commission had not taken a stand on that.

Commissioner Salinas suggested that within the next month the contract committee would meet and forward recommendations to the Commission.

Commissioner Chin stated that it was systemic reasons why the minority contractors are not competitive. **Commissioners Salinas and Flunder** stated that the Commission needed to make the effort.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she did not want to penalize the contractor because they followed the rules. She stated that this Commission didn't set the rules but it has to come to them for approval. The contractor had already done everything it was suppose to do so this Commission shouldn't be penalizing them. If the Commission was going to affect change in a genuine and authentic way it should be with DPW, the Board of Supervisors, etc. and not the contractor.

8. **CAMP MATHER**
APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASES AND CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM
Discussion and possible action to approve a Camp Mather fee increase effective January 1998.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the last fee increase was for the 1995 season. The fee increase would address various maintenance and repair needs at the camp. All money would go back into Camp Mather. The fee increase would generate about $100,000. The Department recommended a 10% increase. In addition, the Department also recommended a tent site increase equal to half the cost of a comparable cabin. This tent site fee increase would result in a mean increase of $150.00 per family per week. Third, the day use fee

which applies to non-registered guests and visitors of Camp Mather would be increased to $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.

The Department also recommended a Camp Mather Campership Program. Camperships would be offered at random to very low-income families, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program would apply to San Francisco residents that are not able to attend Camp Mather due to financial limitations. Information on camperships would not be a part of the regular application brochure. The information would be furnished to recreation centers and random drawings of eligible families would be held prior to the camp season.

Staff recommended approval of this item.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-009

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a Camp Mather fee increase effective January 1998.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **CAMP MATHER**
APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISIONS
Discussion and possible action to approve a request for Camp Mather reservations policy revisions.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that with the increased popularity of Camp Mather, applicants have found securing a reservation at camp to be challenging. As a result, some applicants eschewed the current process through, submitting multiple applications, reducing days on a reservation and making late payments. To address these issues the Department recommended revising some policies.

First, there is no late payment penalty. The Department recommended imposing a late payment penalty (based on the total amount due) of 5% for guests who pay after the final payment due date. Guests whose payments are not received by the due date will be mailed a notice requesting full payment, including the 5% penalty, within five business days of the notice date. If the payment is not made within this time period the reservation will be canceled.

Second, there is no limitation on the number of applications that can be submitted in an envelope. Staff recommends setting a limit of one application per envelope. If an envelope contained more than one application, all applications will be returned unprocessed.

Third, campers can submit multiple applications for a reservation. Staff recommends that if a camper submitted multiple applications for the same date, that the required deposit for each application be kept as an additional processing fee.

Last, campers are beginning to reduce the number of days their guests attend camp. Staff recommended that on confirmed reservations the number of days and meals for each guest are final and can not be reduced without canceling the reservation.

Staff recommended approval of these changes.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked how the Department verified proof of residency. Orlando Tolbert stated that the Department requires a utility bill along with a check for payment with the same address.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9801-010

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a request for Camp Mather reservations policy revisions.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. **APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $1,675,000.00 for the renovation of various soccer fields and for partial funding for the development of King Pool. The supplemental appropriation will be from surplus revenues generated by the Recreation and Park Department during Fiscal Year 97-98.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that staff was requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation for two items: 1) the renovation of the soccer fields and 2) to
provide funding for King Pool. He explained what funds comprised the surplus. He then stated the soccer fields which would be renovated were Delores Park, Crocker Amazon, Ocean View, Youngblood/Coleman, Garfield and Beach Chalet.

Staff recommended approval of this item.

Ron Miguel Co-Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee asked if the allocations for the soccer field renovations would mean the Open Space Fund would not have to budget for those items and what would happen to the funds already budgeted in the Open Space Fund.
Ernie replied that the Department would be working with the Committee to rescind that. He stated that staff did not believe they needed those funds.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9801-011

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $1,675,000.00 for the renovation of various soccer fields and for partial funding for the development of King Pool. The supplemental appropriation will be from surplus revenues generated by the Recreation and Park Department during Fiscal Year 97-98.

This item was passed unanimously.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP

Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight trip to Kirkwood, January 23-25, 1998 for eight teenagers who are blind or visually impaired. This program is a collaboration between the Assisted Recreation Division, the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Discovery Blind Sports.

Ben Oude Kamphis, Recreation Director, Assisted Recreation presented this item to the Commission. He stated that he was requesting approval of an overnight trip to Kirkwood on January 23 - 25, 1998 for eight teenagers. The only cost to the Department would be in providing two staff.

Commissioner Flunder asked if in the event that someone would get hurt if we are held harmless. Joel Robinson stated that was not the case. As with any activity of the Department, if the Department is found liable of injury of the participants the Department would absorb that liability.

Commissioner Flunder requested that a copy of the release forms be given to the City Attorney for their review.

On motion of Commissioner Chin, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9801-012

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an overnight trip to Kirkwood, January 23-25, 1998 for eight teenagers who are blind or visually impaired. This program is a collaboration between the Assisted Recreation Division, the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Discovery Blind Sports.

This item was passed unanimously.

12. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1998, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commission McArdle-Solomon the nominations for President were opened.

Commissioner Friend nominated Commissioner Flunder for President. Commissioner Gilford seconded the nomination.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the nominations for President were closed.

By unanimous vote Commissioner Flunder was voted President.

Commissioner Friend then made the following statement: " I have opted to not be a candidate. I have opted to have a person I feel at this time is best suited for this job and that is Yvette Flunder. I am sure she will do an excellent job. I am staying on, I am not leaving the Commission and I will give her every bit of help I have given to her in the past. I thank you for allowing me to act as your president."

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Chin the nominations for Vice President were opened.

Commissioner Flunder asked to make a statement before making her motion. She stated: " In the last year or so that I have been involved with this Commission, I have learned a great deal. I learned a great deal about the Recreation and Park and also about politics of San Francisco in and around the Commission and I owe a great of that to the expertise and knowledge of Gene Friend who has been a president of this Commission before this term. I don't know of anyone who has done this. It is a totally different world under this administration then it was under Mayor Alioto's administration. But it has been very, very helpful to me to know someone who knows everything and everyone and has known them since the war. I said that to say that I would like to nominate **Gene Friend** as the Vice President of this Commissioner as I feel that his expertise is still needed in a number of ways."

Commissioner Salinas seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Chin took over the chair for the remainder of the nomination proceedings.

The Commissioner unanimously voted to close the nominations and than voted unanimously for Commissioner Friend as Vice President.

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Dr. Patrice Bozich spoke about the Conservatory. She stated that there were dumpsters at the end of the museum and believed that the director gave up on it. She also noted there were not enough trash cans in the park. She thanked Jim Cooney, Ron de Leon and Rotea Gilford.

Tom Malone presented a petition requesting 1) that the 10th Avenue Park playground project be halted and that this park be left untouched and 2) that the project be relocated to the space between 7th and 8th Avenue and between Fulton and J.F.K. Drive in Golden Gate Park. **Commissioner Flunder** read for the record a letter from the Open Space Committee supporting the project.

Mr. Velez whose residence is on Roosevelt Way spoke against the don run at Randall Museum Park. He stated he had not been notified of any of the meetings and requested that the Commission consider having another hearing on the matter.

Sandra Braverman lives on Roosevelt Way spoke against the dog run. She stated that neighbors on Roosevelt had spoken informally, that they were directly effected by the dog run and don't want it there. She asked that the Commission consider having another hearing on the matter.

Marjorie Bennett reiterated what the previous two speakers had said. She stated that she understood there were community meetings but no one on Roosevelt had received notification and asked that another hearing be held.

Deborah Learner stated there were meetings and notices did go out to all residences on Roosevelt Way. It may have been addressed as "resident" as opposed to their name. She also stated that they were rededicating the official dog run at Randall Field and went through the history of the dog run there.

Commissioner Flunder said that they would look into it and make a decision.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 732nd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Eugene L. Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Gordon Chin
William Getty
Rotea Gilford
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder introduced the President's Report which consisted of current issues of the Commission that impact Recreation and Park. She announced the members of the Standing Committees: 1)Parks and Planning Committee is **Commissioner Salinas**, Chair, **Commissioner Gilford** and **Commissioner Getty**, 2) Finance and Administration Committee is **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon**, Chair, **Commissioner Flunder** and **Commissioner Friend** and 3) The Joint Zoo Committee is **Commissioner Chin**, Chair, **Commissioner Flunder** and **Commissioner Salinas**. The Adhoc Committee on Contracts is **Commissioner Gilford**, Chair, **Commissioner Chin** and **Commissioner Salinas**. Last, the minutes will be summarized and the long dialogs will be filed on tape.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT**

Introduction of New Employee

Marsha Pendergrass started with the Department on February 2,1998 as the Director of Neighborhood Services. In this position Marsha will be responsible for managing the Department's volunteer activities and coordinating with department supervisors the creation of Neighborhood Council at each park. In addition, she will be managing the Community Outreach portion of Facilities, Programs and Landscape Assessment. Marsha comes to the Department from Goodwill Industries where she was responsible for managing Retail Operations. Marsha also has extensive experience working with volunteers and the public. Please extend a warm welcome.

Presentation from Arnold Palmer Golf

Based on the request of the Commission, **Bill Hunscher and Jeff Levine,** made a presentation updating the Commission on Harding and Lincoln Golf Courses.

Storm Damage Report

On February 5, 1998 Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. declared a state of emergency in San Francisco, citing more than $14 million in damage to City property. The Recreation and Park Department has incurred damage at a number of its facilities and is in the process of listing the damage and attaching cost estimates to each situation. This information will be updated daily as additional damage occurs and as estimates are developed or change. As of Friday, February 13, 1998, the estimate for damage to Recreation and Park property stands at $493,431. This figure will certainly increase as more information is received.

Much of the damage is related to the excessive and continuous rains and to high tides combined with heavy surf activity along the coast. To date tree damage has been relatively low in comparison to past years. This could change dramatically if we experience high and wind speeds.

The most severe damage has been experienced at the San Francisco Small Craft Marina's north jetty, the Sharp Park berm and at India Basin Shoreline Park. In these areas heavy surf and high tides have displaced and eroded the existing rock and fill material that forms the protective barriers at each site. Emergency work has already been performed at the San Francisco Small craft Marina and India Basis Shore Line Park. Work is expected to begin at Sharp Park shortly.

Slides and soil erosion have occurred at several parks including Buena Vista Park and Bay View Park. The Recreation and Park department has asked for assistance from the Department of Public Works to assess the damage and to identify a course of action to stabilize these areas. It is anticipated that there will be more damage due to slides and soil erosion as long as the extreme rains continue.

Storm Damage at Golf Courses

Three of the Department's golf courses suffered some storm damage. At Harding Park, two trees were lost, there were two mud slides and lots of debris. Lincoln Park lost two trees and a large amount of debris built up.

Sharp Park Golf Course suffered the most severe storm damage. Due to heavy surf, erosion of 2,000 feet of the seawall occurred, and the concrete support on the outfall pipe failed. Water level at this facility was 8 feet above normal. Pumps and gravity drains brought the water level down. Three trees came down on the golf course, and a large amount of debris and silt accumulated.

Ocean View Recreation Center

Christmas in April and the San Francisco Neighborhood Church have formed a collaborative to work on renovation projects at Ocean View Recreation Center. The group will work with staff at the Center to identify needs at the facility, such as painting the building and landscaping. Work is scheduled to begin in the Spring. Ocean View Recreation Center staff is very support of this community effort.

Disaster Shelters

Joseph Lee Recreation Center, South of Market Recreation Center and Kezar Pavilion have been declared disaster shelters by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Services. Approximately 500 individuals are provided room and board daily at each facility. The shelters have representatives from the Police Department, Department of Public Health and Department of Social Services. In

addition, recreation directors and custodians from this Department have been providing assistance at these three shelters.

Residents in the various neighborhoods are concerned that these centers are not available for use by youths in the respective communities.

The Office of Emergency Services anticipates that our facilities will go off line on Monday, February 23, 1998. It is the intent of OES to open the Armory on Mission Street by this date, thus allowing our facilities to be returned to the Recreation and Park Department. Please note that February 23, 1998 is the date that OES is shooting for, you will be updated if there is any change.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9802-013

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the January 15, 1998 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9802-014

Acceptance of the following gifts valued at $34,368.96 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. **From the estate of Tatiana Ostroumov, $22,968.96, for the development of the Arizona Garden in Golden Gate Park.**

2. **From the estate of John J. Morris, $10,000.00 for the placement of a bench in Golden Gate Park in his memory.**

3. **From the San Francisco Orchid Society, $1,500.00 for the San Francisco Conservatory.**

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS RES. NO. 9802-015

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchased From

Los Angeles Zoo **5333 Zoo Drive** **Los Angeles, CA 90027**	**One Female Asian Elephant** **Purchase $1.00** **USDA #93-C-043**

Sale To

Star Academy **325 Kipling Street** **Palo Alto, CA 94301**	**1 Male Emu** **$20.00**

Donation To

Star Academy **325 Kipling Street** **Palo Alto, CA 94301**	**1 male peafowl and 7 female peahens**

D. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT **RES. NO. 9802-016**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1997.

Susanne Barthell spoke of the deficit due to poor management.

E. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF GATE FEE ADMISSION INCREASE
Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed gate fee admission increases to become effective April 2, 1998.

Commissioner Flunder stated that this item has been taken off the consent calendar and would be considered as a separate agenda item.

F. **PROPOSED EARTHQUAKE SAFETY BOND** **RES. NO. 9802-017**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the recommendation of inclusion of four Recreation and Park facilities: Conservatory of Flowers, McLaren Lodge, Hamilton Recreation Center and Pool and Palega Recreation Center.

G. **FATHER A. BOEDDEKER PARK**
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT-IN-PLACE **RES. NO. 9802-018**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an acceptance of a gift-in-place valued at $200,000.00.

H. **MCLAREN PARK**
APPROVAL OF AMPHITHEATER RENOVATION **RES. NO. 9802-019**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve Amphitheater renovation.

I. **GOLDEN GATE CARROUSEL**
APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE **RES. NO. 9802-020**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve temporary closure of the Golden Gate Carrousel.

J. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
APPROVAL OF 1998 FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT **RES. NO. 9802-021**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the 1998 Giants Field Maintenance Agreement.

K. **SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT **RES. NO. 9802-022**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an award of contract to EIP Associates (environmental consultants) in the amount of $400,000.00 for the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan.

ITEM 4E WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO BE HEARD AS A SEPARATE ITEM

E. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF GATE FEE ADMISSION INCREASE
Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed gate fee admission increases to become effective April 2, 1998.

David Anderson made a presentation including the reason for the fee increase and the benefits it will entail for both the Zoo as well as it's visitors.

Commissioner Flunder read a letter from **Supervisor Tom Ammiano** stating that it is unacceptable that the proposed fee increase will be to cover fiscal management shortfalls.

Susanne Barthell, Margaret Brodkin, Susan Browne, Teresa Gallegos, Marybeth Wallace and Emeric Kalman spoke in opposition to the fee increase.

David Anderson explained the Group Youth rates. Also, he indicated that the Zoological Society does have public meetings and they have always emphasized the need for cost of living increases.

Commissioner Flunder requested that the Commission will postpone this vote until there is a public forum with the zoological society to discuss all concerns.

On motion of **Commissioner Gilford** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9802-023

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve to postpone the increase until there is a public forum with the zoological society and the public to discuss all concerns.

This item was passed unanimously.

5. **CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**
CONTRACTING PROCEDURES
Presentation by representatives from HRC and DPW on the contracting procedures for the City and County of San Francisco.

Ernie Prindle, stated that this item is to help the Commissioners understand construction contract procedures.

Harlen Kelly who represents the city engineers, went over in detail the bid process which is required for projects over $50,000.

Commissioner Flunder and **Commissioner Gilford** agreed that the Contract Committee will meet in three weeks.

Charles Walker stated that contracts were never taken seriously and mentioned his concerns about prevailing wage.

Commissioner Flunder asked that **Charles Walker** attend the Contracts Committee Meetings.

Daniel Fross, who represents the electrician's union, stated that the City had failed in its commitment for training. He also voiced his concerns about the prevailing wage.

Harlen Kelly indicated that payments are withheld if goals are not met. Change orders are allowed based on competitive bid.
Commissioner Salinas complimented Harlen Kelly for his efforts.

6. **FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999**
APPROVAL OF CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
Discussion and possible action to approve the Recreation and Park Department's request for capital project funding in Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Ernie Prindle presented the capital budget for 1998-1999. He summarized the General fund, the Marina Fund and the Open Space Fund.

Commissioner Friend stated that restoration of the Mother House at the Zoo could be rebuilt for less money.

Harlen Kelly stated that the estimate was a ballpark figure.

Commissioner Chin questioned the $6 million for the Conservatory.

Ernie Prindle stated that it is not to match the November bond issue for the seismic. The $6 million would be used for repairs.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** and seconded by **Commissioner Getty**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9802-024

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's request for capital project funding in Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARMENT**
APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999 BUDGET
Discussion and possible action to approve the Recreation and Park Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Teresa Gallegos spoke about possibly expanding the childcare / toddler program.

Ernie Prindle stated that the City was in good financial standing. He then briefed the Commission on the attachments of the budget write-up.

Commissioner Flunder introduced **Amy Lee** from the Mayor's office who was working with the Recreation and Park budget.

Ernie Prindle presented the strategic budget issues and the enhancements of the executive summary.

Commissioner Chin clarified that the revenues generated will remain in the Department and he also questioned **Joel Robinson** about his confidence level in terms of the request for the $7million from the General Fund.

Joel Robinson indicated that the Department had tremendous public support. San Francisco is one of the few cities in the world that generate their own revenues.

Margaret Brodkin stated that the recreation programs has always been under budgeted and she will support this Commission in getting funds from the Mayor.

Ron Miguel stated that the budget is absolutely necessary, for it reflects what the public needs.

Taj James mentioned that the results of the youth survey indicated that these youth need a safe place to go after school. Also, 86% youth wanted jobs, so expansion of the workreation program would be ideal.

Marybeth Wallace mentioned that the 11-14 year old children often get overlooked. Also, child care is an important issue.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, and seconded by **Commissioner Salinas**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9802-025

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Lou Perrone mentioned that although there has been improvements, the golf courses only meet the minimal acceptable standards of the USGA.

Terry McDeuitt spoke about the low wages as a result of privatization of golf courses.

Ed Lieberman understood that the Department was previously involved in budget battles, but as long as there are resources the improvements at the courses will continue.

Bob McDonnell voiced his concerns about contracting out maintenance at the golf courses.

Tom Harrison agreed with **Bob McDonnell** that with contracting out maintenance there would be a lost of valuable city workers.

Michael Ippocito stated that by having the people who run the golf courses responsible for maintenance, the results would be better.

John Moran recommended that the Commission look at the profit margin of Arnold Palmer Golf to determine whether the department and the citizens are at a lost.

Chuck Taylor spoke about his findings in regard to the C.M. Chiang contract for the Richmond Community Center.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 733rd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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MINUTES

734th Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The 734th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
William Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Commissioner Flunder gave the President's report. She stated that soon the Commission may have to find a change in location. She stated that the April Commission meeting would be held at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers in the temporary City Hall and that from time to time the Commission would change the location of the meeting depending on the number of people attending. She also requested that the Parks and Planning Committee meet in different communities. In addition she stated that she would like to leave on the table a possibility for evening meetings periodically. She also stated that she had requested Commissioner Salinas to Chair the Contract Committee and Commissioner Salinas accepted.

She then spoke of the Celebration of Life for Commissioner Gilford and read into the record a letter from the Parking and Traffic Commission expressing their sympathy of his passing.

3. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT

Charlene Nichols gave the General Manager' report. She discussed the California Recreation and Park Conference, 3COM Park, the Beach Chalet Soccer Field and Motivational Training.

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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On motion of Commissioner Salinas seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolutions were adopted.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES. NO. 9803-026

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the February 19, 1998 Commission Meeting.

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9803-027

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchased From

Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Park No. Seattle, WA 98103	One Male Brazilian Tanager $200.00 USDA #91-C-001
Ft. Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Parkway Fort Worth, TX 76110-6640	One male and one female hooded merganser and 3 male and 2 female No. American ruddy ducks $450.00 group USDA 74-C-085

Donation From

Mark D'Elicio 3149 California St., #1E San Francisco, CA 94115	One Male and One Female Leopard Gecko, One Male White Tree Frog Donation
Lindsay Museum 1901 First Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94596	One female Virginia Oppossum Donation

C. SHARON MEADOWS - ON BOARD ENTERTAINMENT
APPROVAL OF AN ONE-DAY GATED EVENT — RES. NO. 9803-028

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the On Board Entertainment, Inc. request to produce "SAMADHI", an amalgamation of live music, spirituality, wellness and unity, on Saturday, September 19, 1998 at the Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park.

D. 3COM PARK
VOLUME SERVICES
CONCESSION PRICE INCREASE — RES. NO. 9803-029

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an increase in price for certain concession items offered by Volume Services at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point for the 1998 baseball season.

E. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASES **RES. NO. 9803-030**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve fee increases for Japanese Tea Garden Admissions, Coit Tower Admissions and permit fees.

F. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP **RES. NO. 9803-031**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an overnight backpacking trip through the Assisted Recreation Division, 8-10 teenagers and young adults, who are blind and visually impaired, to Point Reyes, April 10-12, 1998.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. FAY PARK -ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT
Presentation and discussion regarding an acceptance of gift - Fay Park .

Deborah Learner presented the item to the Commission. She stated that the Recreation and Park Department was named as the beneficiary in the estate of Mary Fay Berrigan of property at Chestnut and Leavenworth, Block 67, Lots 14 and 14a. It consists of a beautifully tended garden and a 3-story single family home with a small in-law apartment. The terms of the gift stipulate that the property be made available as a public park. In addition, there is a $100,000 gift for site improvement.

It would have to be determined if the dwelling would have to be demolished or if it can be utilized as a suitable park. If the dwelling were made available to the public, disabled access improvements and possibly other code complying improvements would have to be made before public access is permitted.

6. PALACE OF FINE ARTS - TRENCHING
Discussion and possible action to permit trenching on Palace of Fine Arts grounds for the installation of phone lines to the Exploratorium.

This item was presented to the Commission by Deborah Learner. She stated that the Exploratorium was requesting permission to install phone lines to the Exploratorium. In order to do this, a trench needed to be dug across the Palace of Fine Arts grounds from Baker Street along the edge of the parking lot into the building. This matter was reviewed by field staff to assure that the Exploratorium was aware of, and will be responsible for, restoration of the grounds including any repairs to utilities or irrigation lines.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** and seconded by **Commissioner Salinas,** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9803-032

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve to permit trenching on Palace of Fine Arts grounds for the installation of phone lines to the Exploratorium.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. PALACE OF FINE ARTS - LEASES
Discussion and possible action to grant conceptual approval for a 50-year Lease to the

Palace of Fine Arts Science Foundation for the operation of the Exploratorium and the Palace of Fine Arts Theater.

This item was presented to the Commission by Ernie Prindle. He stated that the Department had received a request from the Executive Director of the Exploratorium to grant them a 50-year lease for the exclusive operation of the museum and Theater. The request stated that both the long term of the lease, as well as its exclusivity, were needed to accomplish the goal of upgrading the facility and increasing the endowment.

While the Exploratorium had stated that the long-term exclusive lease if the Palace of Fine Arts is necessary to raise $50 million funds to implement major upgrades to the "facility and proximate grounds" they have not indicated what the scope of the improvements would be. The specific improvements would need to be detailed. In addition, the Commission would have to consider such issues as how much, if any rent would be charged; what the tenant's maintenance responsibilities would be, both interior and exterior and in what ways a new relationship with the Exploratorium would benefit existing or new Department programs.

Bonnie Jones, Janes Maxwell and Nelson Ishiyama spoke in support of the lease. J. Henry Glazer opposed the lease.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9803-033

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve to grant conceptual approval for a 50 year Lease to the Palace of Fine Arts Science Foundation for the operation of the Exploratorium and the Palace of Fine Arts Theater with the amendment that staff is to continue to negotiate with both sides. The Commission is interested in one lease and the strength is with the Exploratorium. However, the Commission also would like to try to make some arrangements to accommodate the middle man - The Palace of Fine Arts Theater - so that they can continue with some of their activities.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Discussion and possible action to approve 3 low bids for infrastructure replacement project.

It was explained to the Commission that this was the utility corridor phase of the infrastructure replacement project. It would consist of installing potable water, groundwater, reclaimed water, gas, electrical and sewer transmission mains throughout the institution. The construction was phased in incremental segments to minimize disruptions while work proceeds. Total construction time was anticipated to take 20 months. Upon completion, the zoo would have new utility transmission lines reliably servicing institutional needs. The cost $7,878,328.00.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** and seconded by **Commissioner Getty**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9803-034

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve 3 low bids for infrastructure replacement project.

This item was passed unanimously.

ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13 WERE PUT OVER TO THE SPECIAL SESSION WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THE REGULAR MEETING.

9. **Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.**

10. **Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance 67.11 (a) as whether to conduct a closed session.**

11. **Possible closed session held pursuant to Brown Act Section 54956.9 (c) and Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.11:**

    Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation as plaintiff
    Number of potential cases: 1

12. **Reconvene in open session.**

13. **Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.14 on whether to disclose discussions held in closed session.**

    a) **Motion: The Recreation and Park Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public (not) to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.**

14. **RULES OF THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
    NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE
    Notice of intent to change the Rules of the Recreation and Park Commission at the April 16, 1998 meeting of the Commission.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
    At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

    Zachary Salem spoke on the privatization of golf courses.

    Denise LaPointe presented certificates of appreciation to Sean Sweeney, Dwain Swain and Dermot Casey.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 734th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur

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Commission Secretary

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SAN FRANCISCO

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 1998 - 6:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 16, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Gordon Chin
William Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Eugene Friend, Vice-President

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2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder stated that Closed session (Items 5 -9) would be moved to the end of the agenda.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT**

3COM

Once again the Department's Turf Management crews under Jim Delfino have completely regraded and sodded the entire field surface at the stadium. The Giants demonstrated their satisfaction with the new field by winning their Home Opener on April 9, 1998.

Golden Gate Park

All of the major Park entryways are being upgraded with appropriate landscape improvements. These are examples of the kinds of activities we envision for the landscape enhancement teams that have been requested in next year's budget.

The Beach Chalet soccer field renovation was completed last Saturday. The field looks very good; it is level and a uniform deep green color. This is the Department's fourth major ground sports field renovation (following Kezar, Franklin and the Polo Fields) with soccer being the primary beneficiary.

Boeddeker Park
As you may recall, earlier this year the Commission recommended approval of the Rotary Club's proposal for improvements to Father Alfred Boeddeker Park. The Board of Supervisors has approved and the Mayor has signed the legislation for this gift-in-place valued at $200,000. The Rotary Club has scheduled construction to begin in mid-April and to be completed in time for a Juneteenth celebration. These improvements will provide additional safe recreational opportunities for children within the highly urbanized Tenderloin neighborhood.

Civic Center
The new playground in the southeast quadrant has been installed. Final inspection has been scheduled for this week; the play area is likely to open next week. The fountain in Civic Center has been removed and replaced by sod. The landscape maintenance period was completed on March 31, 1998. Maintenance of the sod is now the responsibility of the Recreation and Park Department. Staff has elected to leave the construction fence in place around the new sod until May, when a Cinco de Mayo event takes place at the Plaza.

Golden Gate Park Stanyan Meadows
Improvements to the entrance at Stanyan and Haight Streets, as well as irrigation and pathway improvements in the general area are approximately 50% complete. The construction may finish this summer which is ahead of the scheduled completion date of October.

Soccer Field Renovation Funding Approve
The Recreation and Park Department received a $450,000 appropriation from the City to renovate its aging and frequently used soccer fields.

The funding, which will come from the Recreation and Park Department's Surplus Revenue, was approved by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. The soccer fields included in the renovation plan are in need of various repairs, including re-sodding, re-seeding, re-grading, or solving field drainage problems. Because many of the current soccer fields were originally designed as meadows for passive recreational use, not heavy athletic use, some fields have bare spots or thinning surfaces.

The fields set for face-lifts are: One field located at Garfield on 26th and Harrison; Youngblood/Coleman on Mendel and Galvez; two fields located at Ocean View on Capitol and Montana; three fields at Beach Chalet at the Western End of Golden Gate Park ; and four fields at Crocker Amazon at 799 Moscow.

The funding will also pay for a new automated reservation system as well as 3 new micro/youth soccer fields which require portable stanchions, goals and designated field time.

Arbor Day Celebration
In observance of National Arbor Day the Department will host a tree-planting ceremony at Precita Park on Friday, April 24 at 10:00 A.M. Several local schools will participate in the program. There will be tree care workshops as well as professional advise on tree planting and early care from Recreation and Park Department Urban Foresters. The Precita Valley Neighbors Association and Bernal Heights Tree Committee will also participate in the event.

Permit Department Move
The Permit and Reservations Department recently moved from McLaren Lodge Annex and Kezar Pavilion to the Pioneer Log Cabin located in the interior of Golden Gate Park. This is the first time in recent history that the Athletic Division and Parks and Facilities Reservation Divisions have

been house in one location. In addition to the new quarters the Department has installed a new automated reservation.

Zoo

The new Rainbow Landing exhibit opened on April 9, 1998 with a press preview. The exhibit is a walk through aviary containing 50 rainbow lorikeets, which the public has the opportunity to feed from cups of nectar sold at the entrance. The birds have acclimated well and are feeding readily from people, promising to make this a highly popular exhibit.

Starting with the last joint Zoo meeting and continuing as a regular feature for the next six meetings public input will be sought on the planning for the exhibit areas to be built under the bond, Phase 2.1. On April 1st, John Aikin, Curator of Planning, presented a brief overview of the entire project and then focused on the current plans for the African Savanna for public input. On May 6th the plans for the new Animal Resource Center will be discussed.

A total of five bald eagle chicks have hatched in the Avian Conservation Center so far this year with another two eggs in the incubator. One chick has been cross-fostered into a wild next in the Channel Island and three have been returned to the parents for rearing until old enough to hack out.

ZooFest, the Zoo's annual fundraiser, will be held on April 24th at the Zoo. The theme this year is "Flights of Fancy". It promises to be a great event as always.

Topol, the last of the male lions born at the Zoo was euthanized due to deteriorating health at the age of 18. The Zoo has ceased breeding lions due to the inability to trace the lineage of the stock. The future is bright however due to the young pride we imported from South Africa last year. We should be ready to begin breeding again about the time the new African Savanna is built.

The PDC terrace exhibits have been remeshed and renovated and the animals have been returned to the exhibits. The new perching allows the primate to utilize the entire height of the exhibits for the first time.

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 24, 1998	Arbor Day Ceremony Precita Park
Friday, April 24, 1998	ZooFest, Zoo
Friday, May 1 - Saturday May 2, 1998	Strybing Arboretum Society's 31st Annual Plant Sale; Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5, 1998	Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Dinner; 6:16 p.m. Beach Chalet Restaurant 1000 Great Highway
Tuesday, May 19, 1998	Garden Feast - Strybing Arboretum

	Society fundraiser
Thursday, May 21, 1998	Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Planning Commission; Board of Supervisors' Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Community Outreach Meetings - Assessment
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12, 1998	Moscone Recreation Center Chestnut & Buchanan Streets
Wednesday, May 13, 1998	Palega Recreation Center Felton & Holyoke Streets
Thursday, May 14, 1998	Hamilton Recreation Center Geary Blvd. & Steiner Street
Tuesday, May 26, 1998	Chinese Recreation Center Washington & Mason Streets
Wednesday, May 27, 1998	Mission Recreation Center 745 Treat Street
Thursday, May 28, 1998	Joseph Lee Recreation Center Oakdale & Mendell Streets
Tuesday, June 2, 1998	Ocean View Recreation Center Capitol & Montana Streets
Wednesday, June 3, 1998	S.F. County Fair Building 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Thursday June 4, 1998	Sunset Recreation Center 28th Avenue & Lawton Street

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolutions were adopted.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9804-037**

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the March 19, 1998 Commission Meeting.

B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS RES. NO. 9804-038

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation To

Lawrence Hall of Science Biology Lab, UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA 94720	2 unknown sex walking sticks Donation
Lee Richardson Zoo P.O. Box 499 Garden City, Ks 67846	1 Female purple swamp hen $50.00 USDA 48-C-000
Disney's Animal Kingdom PO Box 10,000 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830	Unknown sex sacred ibis $50.00 USDA 58-C-076

C. CAMP MATHER RES. NO. 9804-039
APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT FOR STRAWBERRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
Discussion and possible action to approve a rent credit for the Strawberry Music Festival for the purchase of capital equipment, not to exceed the amount of $45,000.

D. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS RES. NO. 9804-040
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS PROJECT
Discussion and possible action adopting conceptual plan for the Conservatory of Flowers restoration project.

E. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9804-041
APPROVAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - WEST END UTILITIES
Discussion and possible action to approve the west end utilities Golden Gate Park Bond-Improvement project in Golden Gate Park.

F. GARFIELD SQUARE CLUBHOUSE
APPROVAL OF RENOVATION PLANS RES. NO. 9804-042
Discussion and possible action to approve renovation plans for Garfield Square Clubhouse.

G. TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9804-043
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight trip to Magic Mountain for 40 young teens from Tenderloin Children's Playground May 15-17, 1998.

H. NORTH BEACH POOL RES. NO. 9804-044
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN
Discussion and possible action to approve the conceptual plan for reconstruction of the North Beach Pool.

I. SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
APPROVAL OF 1998-99 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Discussion and possible action to approve the five year plan of the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard as a separate item.

J. CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES — RES. NO. 9804-045
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIPS
Discussion and possible action to approve three different out-of-town overnight stays to allow children from our recreation centers to experience Camp Academy Programs in Santa Rosa, San Mateo, and Northern California.

K. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA — RES. NO. 9804-046
APPROVAL OF A TWO-DAY GATED EVENT
Discussion and possible action to approve the Philippine Centennial Multicultural Celebration request to produce "Fiesta Filipina", an International Cultural Festival, a two-day gated event at Civic Center Plaza on June 13 and 14, 1998.

L. SHARON MEADOW — RES. NO. 9804-047
APPROVAL OF AN ONE-DAY GATED EVENT
Discussion and possible action to approve the Israel at 50 request for "Israel at 50 Festival", an one-day gated event at the Sharon Meadow, in Golden Gate Park on June 7, 1998.

M. UNION SQUARE — RES. NO. 9804-048
APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PLACE TEMPORARY SCULPTURES
Discussion and possible action to approve the San Francisco Art Commission request to place a temporary exhibition of two sculptures at Union Square.

N. GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL — RES. NO. 9804-049
APPROVAL OF SNACK BAR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Discussion and possible action to approve a Request for Proposal for the operation of the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4 I. SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
APPROVAL OF 1998-99 FIVE YEAR PLAN
Discussion and possible action to approve the five year plan of the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard as a separate item.

Pursuant to Charter Section 16. 107, the Recreation and Park Commission must approve annually a five year plan as recommended by the Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee. The plan discussed provided guidelines for expenditures related to Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance through the Open Space Program for a five year period beginning in Fiscal Year 1998-99.

The proposed plan also noted the staff recommendations.

Caroline Rabinowitz and Pat Wynne-Evans both spoke on the Sharon Arts Studio and their concerns of moving/decentralizing the Sharon Arts Studio.

Joel Robinson stated that there is no intent to move the Sharon Arts Studio until the appropriate site is found.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

That this Commission does approve the five year plan of the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program and requests a letter be sent to the Sharon Arts Studio confirming Mr. Robinson's assurances.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. RANDALL MUSEUM
APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MATHER EARTH ADVENTURE CAMP
Discussion and possible action to approve of Randall Museum's Annual Mather Earth Adventure Camp, from July 27 through July 31, 1998.

Dale Pooley, staff with the Randall Museum presented this item. He stated that the purpose of the camps was to provide an experience in the outdoors which would promote community-building, self-confidence and respect for the earth and its creatures. The program would include art, science, natural history, group challenges and outdoor recreation. The camp would accommodate 20 youngsters, ages 9-12 and is organized and led by the Randall Museum staff. Department vans would be used for transportation. The fee for each child to attend the five day camp would be $150.00.

On motion of **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-051

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Randall Museum's Annual Mather Earth Adventure Camp, From July 27 through July 31, 1998.

This item was passed unanimously.

11. PROJECT INSIGHT
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO KIRKWOOD
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight winter trip to Kirkwood, for blind or visually impaired teenagers on April 24 and 25, 1998.

Lucas Tobin, Recreation Director presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the winter trip was a collaborative effort with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse. Six to eight blind or visually impaired teens would be selected for this trip, based on the consistency of participation and staff' assessment of their ability to behave appropriately on an overnight outing. Lodging and skiing would be new Kirkwood. Two Recreation and Park Department staff along with staff form Discovery Blind Sports (DBS) would supervise the trip, assisting with ski lessons, leading activities and supervising meals. Equipment and eight guides would be provided by DBS. Lodging would be arranged by DBS through Kirkwood Accommodations.

The cost of the outing would be paid for by the Rose Resnick Lighthouse. Participants would provide for their own meals.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-052

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight winter trip to Kirkwood, for blind and visually impaired teenagers on April 24 and 25, 1998.

This item was passed unanimously.

12. **STRYBING ARBORETUM**
APPROVAL OF CLOSURE FOR MAY 19, 1998
Discussion and possible action to approve the closure of the Strybing Arboretum on May 19, 1998 for a fundraising event in the main entrance area only.

Walt Valen, the Director of the Strybing Arboretum presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the Strybing Arboretum Society was requesting approval to close the Main Gate entrance and surrounding area of the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a fundraising event. The North Entrance (Friend Gate) and the remainder of the Botanical Gardens would remain open for the day.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-053

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the closure of the Strybing Arboretum on May 19, 1998 for a fundraising event in the main entrance area only.

This item was passed unanimously.

13. **EMBARCADERO PARK**
BLOCK 202 SHADOW IMPACT
Discussion and possible action to approve the finding of no significant shadow impact on the Embarcadero Park - Block 202 from proposed 150 California project.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the Department of City Planning was currently reviewing proposed development at 150 California which would cast additional shadows on the Embarcadero Park - Block 202. Under Section 295 of the Planning Code, a determination of shadow impact significance by the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission was required.

The shadow cast by the proposed construction at 150 California would amount to just under 600 shadow square feet hours, or 0.00219 percent of the previously existing shadow cast by the freeway.

Ernestine Weiss asked about the design of the proposed building and the parking. Joel Yodelwitz, attorney for the developer answered her questions.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-054

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the finding of no significant shadow impact on the Embarcadero Park - Block 202 from proposed 150 California project.

This item was passed unanimously.

14. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APPROVAL OF AMENDED GATE FEE ADMISSION INCREASE
Discussion and possible action to approve the amended Gate Fee Admission Increase.

Paul Jansen, President of the San Francisco Zoological Society, and **Jim Lazarus** presented this item to the Commission. Mr. Jansen stated that the modified fee admission increase took into account suggestions from the public forum. The revised proposal had already been heard and reviewed by the Joint Zoo Committee. Mr. Jansen detailed the reasons that the Zoo needed the increase and requested the Commission's support on the increase.

Mr. Lazarus spoke on the budget and the need for an increase. He then detailed the makeup of the revised gate fee admission increase.

Mary Harris, Joan Girardot, Emeric Kalman and Susan Barthell spoke in opposition of the increase, **Diana DePietro** stated her concerns, **Deborah Bohler** and **Helen Reitz** spoke in support.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-055

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the amended Gate Fee Admission Increase.

This item was passed unanimously.

15. HARDING AND FLEMING GOLF COURSES
U.S. OPEN PARKING AGREEMENT
Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with the United States Golf Association for use of Harding and Fleming Golf Courses for parking during the 1998 U. S. Open Championship.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the United States Golf Association would host the 1998 U. S. Open Championship at the Olympic Club from Monday, June15, 1998 through Sunday, June 21, 1998. The Association had requested that Harding and Fleming Golf courses be used for the purpose of parking automobiles and a bus staging area. The Association would be allowed to use only the fairways of each course and the paved parking area. The greens and tees would not be allowed for parking. It was anticipated that approximately 7,000 cars per day would be parked.

The Association had pursued other alternatives including 3COM Park, Cow Palace and the Presidio. However, Harding was the preferred choice for parking. Mr. Prindle then explained the terms of the agreement for the use of Harding/Fleming Golf Courses.

Bill Dudley, Noble Fields, Francis McCall and Lou Perone spoke in opposition to this item. **Steve Worthy** with the USGA then addressed the Commission.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-056

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an agreement with the United Stated Golf Association for use of Harding and Fleming Golf Courses for parking during the 1998

U.S. Open Championship.

This item was passed unanimously.

16. **RULES OF THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
APPROVAL OF CHANGE
Discussion and possible action to approve the change in the order of the agenda for the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Flunder presented this item to the Commission. She stated that approval of this item would change the order of the agenda for the Commission meetings. The new order would be: Roll Call, President's Report, General Manager's Report, Consent Calendar, General Calendar, Commissioners' Matters, Public Comment and Adjournment.

On motion of **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-057

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the change in the order of the agenda for the Commission meetings.

This item was passed unanimously.

17. **FAY PARK**
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT
Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of property through bequest to be known as Fay Park.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the Recreation and Park Department had been named as a beneficiary in the estate of Mary Fay Berrigan, of property at Chestnut and Leavenworth, Block 67, Lost 14 and 14a. It consists of a beautifully tended garden and a three-story single family home with a small in-law apartment. The terms of the gift stipulate that the property be made available as a public park. In addition, there was a $100,000 gift for site improvements.

It was proposed that the property be accepted at Fay Park. The intention was that the garden would be maintained in its current configuration. In the near term, the building would be occupied by a caretaker who would pay rent.

There had been community meetings to discuss the future of the bequest. Specific concerns had focused on the level of maintenance that would be required and the potential use of the building. The use of the building would have to abide by the Charter provision that property under the Recreation and Park Commission must be used for recreational purposes only. New uses of the building would need neighborhood consensus and would require a zoning reclassification. If agreement could not be reached on the recreational use of the building, the building could be demolished at a future time and the park could be expanded.

The following people spoke on Fay Park and concerns : **Ransom Cook, Richard Juster, Warren Langley and Linda Peterson.**

The following people spoke in opposition to Fay Park: **Andrew Bacigalupi, Ann Tomkin, Buck Kales, Debra Cook, Richard Dirickson, David Shapiro, Paul Castagna, Howard Wexler and James Ludwig.**

Those speaking in support of Fay Park were: **Robert Appleton, Joyce Fisherman, Rhoda Feldman, Arthur Albrecht, F. Joseph Butler, Howard Wong, Penelope Clark, Gerry**

Crowley, Harvey Freed, Elizabeth Wright, Lindsey Phillips, Caire McGee Gary Paul Gairaud, Tim Covington and Meri Jaye.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas,** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-058

RESOVLED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept this property through the bequest to be known as Fay Park.

This item was passed unanimously.

17. a **ST. MARY'S SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID
Discussion and possible action to approve the award of bid to CM Construction in the amount of $5,710,678 for seismic strengthening and structural repairs to St. Mary's Square garage and rooftop.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that plans and specifications had been prepared and made available through a competitive bidding process. Improvements included seismic strengthening and structural upgrading to the garage rooftop, in addition to other repairs throughout the garage.
Improvements to the garage rooftop would enable a second phase project to expand the existing St. Mary's Square Garage Park onto the structurally upgraded rooftop.

Bids were received for the St. Mary's Square Garage Earthquake Repair Project. The lowest bidder was Chiang CM Construction, which was considered a minority-business enterprise and a local-business enterprise. Chiang CM Construction submitted a bid of $5,710,678.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-059

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of bid to CM Construction in the amount of $5,710,678 for seismic strengthening and structural repairs to St. Mary's Square garage and rooftop.

This item was passed unanimously.

17. b **HARDING/FLEMING AND LINCOLN GOLF COURSES**
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
Discussion and possible action to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $200,000 for improvements to Harding/Fleming Golf Course and for consultant services relating to the preparation of bid package for Harding/Fleming and Lincoln Courses.

Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the Department was recommending approval of an agreement with the USGA for usage of Harding/Fleming Golf Courses for parking during the U.S. Open. This agreement would provide for a payment of $200,000 to the Department.

Staff recommended a supplemental appropriation be approved in this amount - $50,000 used for consultant services relating to the preparation of bid package for Harding and Lincoln Golf Courses and $150,000 used for improvements to Harding/Fleming Golf Courses.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-060

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $200,000 for improvements to Harding/Fleming Golf Course and for consultant services relating to the preparation of bid package for Harding/Fleming and Lincoln Courses.

This item was passed unanimously.

17. c KING POOL
APPROVAL OF REVISED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
Discussion and possible action to approve the revised conceptual design of King Pool.

This item was presented by Harry Overstreet.

A conceptual plan of the King Pool was previously presented and approved by the Commission. Refinement of the project and the budgetary process had allowed a reduction in the cost and scale of the previous design from $8.2 and 30,000 square feet to $6.2 million and 22,000 square feet. The design team was able to accomplish the reduction in scale while maintaining the program requirements and community needs. Major elements of the revised design included: a combination 25 meter/25 yard swimming pool, a children's wading pool, a spectators' area, men's and women's locker rooms, toilet facilities, staff facilities, a community room, storage, and equipment/mechanical rooms.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9804-061

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the revised conceptual design of King Pool.

This item was passed unanimously.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Ernestine Weiss spoke on Block 203 and on public comment.

5. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.

6. Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance 67.11 (a) as whether to conduct a closed session.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Getty the Commission voted to adjourn into closed session.

7. Closed session held pursuant to Brown Act Section 54956.9 (c) and Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.11.

The Commission convened into closed session at 10:10 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation as plaintiff

Number of potential cases: 1

8. **Reconvene in open session.**

The Commission reconvened into open session at 10:40 p.m.

9. **Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.14 on whether to disclose discussions held in closed session.**

On motion of Commissioner Chin seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following motion was adopted:

The Recreation and Park Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public (not) to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice-President
William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Gordon Chin
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Tony Fiore has been a resident of San Francisco and the Bay Area for over 20 years.

A graduate of San Francisco State University, with a degree in Economics, he has worked for the City as a purchaser for the past 11 years. Prior to his City employment, he worked in Federal Procurement activities both civilian and military. Tony brings to the Property Management team extensive experience in contracts. He is presently studying architecture and design at the University of California on a part time basis.

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA YACHT HARBOR:

Subletting: On March 26, 1998, forty-three letters were sent to berthholders whose boats had different registration numbers than those on their lease agreements; the harbor office received seventeen responses. On May 4, 1998, twenty-six letters were sent out to those who did not respond. If they do not respond at all, or do not provide adequate proof of boat ownership (i.e. valid DMV boat registration with the berthholder's name on the registration), or do not provide proof of why their boat is not occupying their berth, their lease agreements will be canceled.

Liveaboard Issue: Forty-five letters were sent to suspected liveaboard berthholders on April 29, 1998, giving them ten days to contact the harbor office to make an appointment for an inspection of their boat. The inspection will determine if the boat is seaworthy and if there is any clear evidence of living aboard. An inspector from the Environmental Health Bureau will also be present to inspect the sewage holding tanks of the boats. Of the forty-five letters sent out, eighteen berthholders have responded and made appointments for inspections. On May 11, 1998, letters were sent to the twenty-seven non-respondents that they have failed to contact the harbor office, and that their berthing agreements are canceled.

Enactment of Rules and Regulations: The San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor Rules and Regulations that were adopted by the Commission in July of 1991, and the Berthing Agreement that was adopted in 1991, were never put into effect. These will be enacted in the near future.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT MEETINGS
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 1998	Mission Recreation Center 745 Treat Street
Wednesday, May 27, 1998	Moscone Recreation Center Chestnut & Buchanan Streets
Thursday, May 28, 1998	Joseph Lee Recreation Center Oakdale & Mendell Streets
Tuesday, June 2, 1998	Ocean View Recreation Center Capitol & Montana Streets
Wednesday, June 3, 1998	S.F. County Fair Building 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Thursday, June 4, 1998	Sunset Recreation Center 28th Avenue & Lawton Street
Tuesday, June 9, 1998	Woh Hei Yuen Recreation Center 922 Jackson Street (at Powell & Mason)
Wednesday, June 10, 1998	Portola Family Connections Center 2565 San Bruno Avenue
Thursday, June 11, 1998	Western Addition Branch Library

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES.NO. 9805-063**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the April 16, 1998 Commission Meeting.

B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES.NO. 9805-064**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From:

The Living Desert	**One female coyote**
47-900 Portola	**Donation**
Palm Desert, CA 92260	**USDA #93-C-148**

Linda Nickel 2025 Kentucky Street Redwood City, CA 94061	Unknown sex leopard gecko Donation

Sale To:

Henson Robinson Zoo 1100 East Lake Drive Springfield, IL 62707-8926	Two female South Wales wallaroo $1,000.00 for the pair USDA # 33-C-035
Great Plains Zoo 805 South Kiwanis Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104	One female kookaburra (bird) $100.00 USDA # 46-C-004
Roosevelt Zoo Box 538 Minot, ND 58702	One male Kodiak bear $100.00 USDA # 45-C-004

C. ARGONNE PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9805-065
APPROVAL OF CAMPING TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve the Argonne Playground Camping Trip for two nights and three days of camping at San Mateo Memorial Park, July 12 - 14, 1998.

D. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9805-066
APPROVAL OF TRIP TO HAWAII
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division (Project Insight) trip to Honolulu, Hawaii for 12 deaf teens and young adults, June 8 - 15, 1998.

E. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9805-067
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division (Project Insight) overnight trip for 12 children, who are blind and visually impaired, to the Russian River, July 23 - 24, 1998.

F. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9805-068
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for 15 deaf teens, ages 14 - 18, to Camp Mather August 4 - 8, 1998.

G. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9805-069
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division (Project Insight) overnight trip for 15 - 20 deaf children to the Russian River, August 13 - 15, 1998.

H. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES.NO. 9805-070
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division (Project Insight) overnight trip for 12 teens, who are blind and visually impaired, to Camp Mather, August 17 - 21, 1998.

I. **TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9805-071**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Tenderloin Children's Playground overnight trip for 15 teens, on a river-raft trip to the American River, July 24 - 25, 1998.

J. **TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9805-072**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Tenderloin Children's Playground overnight trip for 15 teens, on a camping trip to Yosemite National Park, June 28 - July 1, 1998.

K. **JOHN MCLAREN PARK** **RES. NO. 9805-073**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract in the amount of $479,590.00 to Alpha Bay Builders, Inc. for the amphitheater renovation project.

L. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9805-074**
APPROVAL OF RENOVATION PLANS OF PANHANDLE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve renovation plans for the Golden Gate Park Panhandle Children's Playground.

These items were passed unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA/EMBARCADERO PARK**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Stacy and Witbeck/Dillingham Construction, a joint venture, in the amount of $45,856,089 for construction of the new mid-embarcadero roadway, F-Line extension and park area improvements.

Deborah Learner presented this item to this Commission. She stated that the project consisted of constructing a new six-lane roadway between Folsom and Broadway Streets. The last segment of the historic F-Line track will be constructed in the traffic median. The median will be landscaped with palms and cobbled paving, to match the North and South Embarcadero segments. A new plaza area in form of the Ferry building will be constructed. The MUNI layover area will also be constructed, as will Rincon Park between Folsom and Howard Streets. A new bay side pedestrian promenade will be constructed between Folsom and Broadway Streets.

Charles Pick, spoke of his concerns and **Ernestine Weiss** requested clarification on an issue.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas,** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-075

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Stacy and Witbeck/Dillingham Construction, a joint venture, in the amount of $45,856,089 for construction of the new mid-embarcadero roadway, F-Line extension and park area improvements.

This item was passed unanimously.

6. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract in the amount of 1,443,000.00 to Competent Builders, Inc. for the Phase III renovation of Portsmouth Square.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the Phase III renovation of Portsmouth Square includes the upgrading of the lower level. Two previous contracts have provided renovation to the upper level generally (Phase III) and to the upper level rest rooms and elevators (Phase I). The third contract will improve the children's play area, provide new paving on a symmetrical circulation route throughout the plaza, and the construction of a small activity room underneath the Portsmouth Square bridge.

Jim Howard spoke of his concerns with Competent Builders, Inc.

Commissioner Flunder asked that a letter from the Commission, addressed to Competent Builders, Inc. notifying them that the Commission is aware of past issues and that Commission will be observing how they are paying their wages throughout this job. A copy is to be sent to DPW and HRC.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-076

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract in the amount of $1,443,000.00 to Competent Builders, Inc. for the Phase III renovation of Portsmouth Square conditioned upon the following the prevailing wage ordinance.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **FRISCO YOUTH UNITED PROGRAM**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight trip for the Frisco Youth United Program to Lake Berryessa, Spanish Flats Resort, Napa County for 25 teens, June 8-10, 1998.

Erika Roman presented this item to the commission. She gave a brief background of the program and then detailed the trip they were proposing. The trip would include 25 teens, two recreation directors and four parent chaperons. Eight of the teens are former life guards and only two cannot swim. All adults can swim. Life jackets would be mandatory for all participants. Both directors have CPR training.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-077

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight trip for the Frisco Youth United Program to Lake Berryessa, Spanish Flats Resort, Napa County for 25 teens, June 8-10, 1998.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST
Discussion and possible action to accept a gift in the amount of $5,000.00 through a bequest from the estate of Jerome Handwerker.

The Department received notification that it would receive $5,000.00 from the estate of Jerome Handweker for the maintenance and beautification of Golden Gate Park.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-078

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a gift in the amount of $5,000.00 through a bequest from the estate of Jerome Handwerker.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **AIDS WALK**
REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE AND PARKING ALONG CONSERVATORY DRIVE
Discussion and possible action to approve an additional road closure - Bowling Green Drive from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Middle Drive East and to approve request to park 20-40 busses along Conservatory Drive for the AIDS Walk on Sunday, July 19, 1998.

Sandy Lee presented this item to the commission. She described the walk and the need for an additional road closure.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** seconded by **Commissioner Salinas**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-079

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an additional road closure - Bowling Green Drive from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Middle Drive East and to approve request to park 20-40 busses along Conservatory Drive for the AIDS Walk on Sunday, July 19, 1998.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

The following members of the public spoke on issues and concerns in regard to the Marina Yacht Harbor: **Ernestine Weiss, Don Roors, Nick Kuzma, Denis Belforte, George Dvorsky, Loretta Burrows, P.J. Rapa, Nemen Coury, Charles Stern, Mark Shemmans, Les Goldner, Margo McGrath, Robert Levine, William Palmer and Michael McKean.**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 1998 -1:30 P.M.
Thursday

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. by Planning Commission President Chinchilla.

1. **ROLL CALL**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION	RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Present:	
Commissioner Chinchilla	Commissioner Flunder
Commissioner Antenore	Commissioner Friend
Commissioner Hills	Commissioner Chin
Commissioner Joe	Commissioner Getty
Commissioner Martin	Commissioner Salinas
Commissioner Mills	
Absent:	
Commissioner Theoharis	Commissioner McArdle-Solomon

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND**

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson presented the report recommending expenditures from the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Steve Shotland presented the Planning Department staff report to the City Planning Commission on the General Plan Referral on the Open Space Program and recommendations.

The following members of the public spoke **Mitch Thompson, Ailene Coffino, Lynn Brown, Mardinad Marconie, Sally Seymour, Caroline Robinowitz, Robin Smith, Dottie Low, Lenna Turner, Brian Chew, Nan McGuire, Heather Spurrow, Ron Miguel, Ronnie Chisom and Betty Blum-Schleinger.**

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9805-080

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 16. 107 (formerly Section 6.413) establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 16.107 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission on April 16, 1998 adopted Resolution No. 9804-050 approving the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 16. 107 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, filed investigations and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 16. 107 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document as determined by the City Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department has found the submitted program to be categorically exempt from environmental review and has approved the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on May 21, 1998, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, *General Manager's Report on the 1998-1999 Park and Open Space Program* that fully set forth the proposed Open Space Fund Recovery Plan (to abate a Fund deficit of approximately $2.8 million), the reprogramming of funds to complete the project budgets for King Pool and Richmond Recreation Center, as well as the recommended funding program for the Park and Open Space Program for Fiscal Year 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the public hearing and discussion by the Commissions, it was agreed to amend the recommendations related to Acquisition and Development Expenditure Plan for FY 1998-99 found on page 11 and 12 of the General Manger's Report by adding the Sharon Building (New Site) to the list priority 1 projects with an allocation of $1,000, and by modifying the amount allocated to Project Contingency to $56,855 (a reduction of $1,000); and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the public hearing and discussion by the Commissions, it was agreed to adopt all of the other recommendations found in the General Manager's Report, including the Letter of Transmittal; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program contained in the "General Manager's Report on the 1998-1999 Park and Open Space Program dated May 21, 1998, provided that it is modified to include $1,000 for the Sharon Arts Building (New Site) and reducing the Project Contingency by $1,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve recisions of allocations made in previous years as identified in the *General Manager's Report on the 1998-1999 Park and Open Space Program* date May 21, 1998 in order to abate the Open Space Fund deficit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the reallocation of funds allocated in previous years as identified in the General Manager's Report on the 1998-1999 Park and Open Space Program dated May 21, 1998 in order to fund King Pool and the Richmond Recreation Center.

This resolution was passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernestine Weiss spoke about Block 203.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

735th Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 18, 1998 by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**
   Present:
   Yvette Flunder, President
   Eugene Friend, Vice President
   William Getty
   Gordon Chin
   Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
   Absent:
   Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT**

MINORITY YOUTH GOLF CLINIC

On Tuesday, June 16, 1998, the Recreation and Park Department, in partnership with the Minority Golf Association of America, the Mayor's Office and the United States Golf Association, organized a golf clinic for 65 minority youth. These 65 young people and their chaperones were transported by Muni to the Olympic Golf Course for lunch, a presentation from the Mayor and to observe pro golfers during practice. Later, the group was transported to the Presidio Golf Course for a golf exhibition and a one and one-half hour clinic where the youths had an opportunity to learn the game of golf. A seven week golf and empowerment clinic will follow and will be conducted by the Minority Golf Association of America. The June 16th activities and subsequent seven week clinic will be an on-going minority youth golf program in the Department.

BUDGET

The Mayor's Office has approved operating expenditure increases in the Department's FY 1998-99 budget of approximately $4 million. The program enhancements that were funded include the mobile enhancement teams, recreation program expansion, staff uniforms, revenue enhancement staff, WAN development, swimming pool staff and an equipment replacement program. Unfunded initiatives include further funding for park patrol, training, customer services, IPM program, financial reporting, public relations and the Randall Museum. These unfunded proposals total approximately $8.3 million.

The Budget Analyst for the Board of Supervisors is recommending cuts to the Department's budget totaling $1.5 million. These reductions include $750,000 in technical errors resulting from position substitutions. The Department agrees with this recommendation, and we will be proposing to allow the Department to keep this money in the budget to fund other items. The Department will continue to work with the Budget Analyst on the other items to provide clarification where necessary.

ZOO

The Beach Chalet has elected the San Francisco Zoo as its non-profit recipient for the month of June. The Zoo will receive .5¢ for each beer sold in June.

ZooFest for Kids was extremely successful with about $1,500 people. The event was held on 5 June and included animals, rides, interactive activities and participation by 14 Bay Area non-profit's and government agencies.

Tiger Awareness Day – This was an information and activity-filled day designed to increase awareness of the tiger's plight to the Asian community, specifically users of tiger-based traditional Chinese medicines. The Zoo worked with international conservation organizations and local Chinese groups. This event served as a model effort for a national grassroots campaign which will likely extend to other cities and communities.

Infrastructure – Work has started on installation of new water, electric and gas distribution systems, as well as sewer and communication lines. This work which represents the bulk of the infrastructure project will be completed over the next 18 months.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9806-080**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Special Meetings of May 20, 1998 and May 21, 1998.

B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT** **RES. NO. 9806-081**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a Cushman gardener utility vehicle valued at $10,190.00 and a cargo container valued at $3,500.00 from The National AIDS Memorial Grove to the Recreation and Park Department for the express and sole purpose to serve in the work of maintaining the National AIDS Memorial Grove at de Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9806-082**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From

California Domestic Ferret Association **P.O. Box 1868** **Healdsburg, CA 95448**	**Two male European Ferrets** **Donation**
National Zoo **3001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.** **Washington, DC 20008-2598**	**One Unknown Sex, Orb Weaver Spider** **Donation**

National Zoo 3001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20008-2598	One Unknown Sex, Tarantula Donation
Lt. Miles Young State Fish and Game P.O. Box 97 Yountville, CA 96523	One Unknown Sex, African Hedgehog Donation
Purchased From California Reptile 686 Farmdale Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91605	Five Unknown Sex, Scorpions Purchase $30.00 group
Marine World Marine World Parkway Vallejo, Ca 94589-4001	One Female Miniature Donkey Purchase $200.00 USDA 93-C-021

D. APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR A CHILDREN'S-ONLY PLAYGROUND AND HOURS FOR PARK CLOSURE RES. NO. 9806-083
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for a children's-only playground and the hours for park closure at Turk and Hyde Preschool Playground.

E. ST. MARY'S PARK RES. NO. 9806-084
APPROVAL OF A DOG PARK FOR OFF-LEASH DOG ACTIVITIES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a dog park for off-leash dog activities at St. Mary's Park.

Florence Kolos spoke in support of this item.

F. CAMP MATHER RES. NO. 9806-085
APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATION OF A SEVEN-YEAR LEASE WITH MATHER SADDLE AND PACK STATION FOR OPERATION OF HORSE-RIDING CONCESSION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the negotiation of a seven-year lease with Mather Saddle and Pack Station for the operation of the horse-riding concession at Camp Mather.

G. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 9806-086
ACCEPTANCE OF FY 98-99 OPERATING BUDGET
RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the 1998/1999 Operating Budget for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

H. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 9806-087
ACCEPTANCE OF FY 98-99 CAPITAL BUDGET
RESOLVED, That this Commission accept the 1998/1999 Capital Budget for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

I. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9806-088
APPROVAL OF AN INFORMAL CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an informal contract not to exceed $9,999.00 for architectural services (construction administration) related to a proposed clubhouse at Jose Coronado Playground.

J. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9806-089**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ALPHA BAY BUILDERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $546,262.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLUBHOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Alpha Bay Builders, Inc. in the amount of $546,262.00 for the construction of a new clubhouse and children's play area.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **BOEDEKKER PARK**
APPROVAL TO NAME CHILDREN'S-ONLY PLAYGROUND IN MEMORY SERGEANT KENNETH SUGRUE AND PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE
Discussion and possible action to approve the naming of the Children's-Only Playground in Boeddeker Park in memory of Sergeant Kenneth Sugrue and placement of plaque.

This item was presented by Acting Generai Manager, **Joei Robinson.** He stated that Sergeant Kenneth Sugrue was a very popular police office who passed away last week at the young age of 39. His death was a shock, not only to the San Francisco Police Department but also to the residents of the Tenderloin who had gotten to know Sergeant Sugrue as a kind and humane officer who really cared about the community. During his years assigned to the Tenderloin Task Froce, Sergeant Sugrue made a significant impact on the Tenderloin and on the lives of its residents, especially the children.

Sergeant Sugrue was an advocate for children and was instrumental in having the children's playground in Boeddeker Park renovated. On June 29, the renovation is to be completed with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the children-only playground. The San Francisco Police Department would provide a plaque and its placement within the children-only playground.

Chief Lau and **Marvis Phillips** spoke in support of this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-090

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of the Children's-Only Playground of Boeddeker Park in memory of Sergeant Kenneth Sugrue and placement of two plaques.

6. **JURI COMMONS MINI PARK**
APPROVAL OF A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND COMMUNITY GARDENS
Discussion and possible action to approve a general improvement plan and community gardens at Juri Commons Mini Park.

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission. Juri Commons Mini Park is located in the Mission District on Guerrero Street near 26th Street. Concerned about security and maintenance, the Southwest Mission Neighborhood Association initiated the development of an improvement plan. The Recreation and Park Department continued the process by conducting various public meetings to develop a plan approved through consensus. Public notices, available in both English and Spanish, were mailed to over 500 addresses for each meeting. Attendance at meetings ranged form 13 to 37 persons.

The plan attempts to improve security and maintenance through improved aesthetics and community involvement. The plan includes general improvements to the landscape, such as infill plantings and conversion of a weedy area to a lawn area with a bench.

In addition, numerous members of the community expressed interest in community involvement through gardening. Two areas of infill plantings are proposed for a community garden program. These areas were selected for minimal conflict with existing uses. Rather than the typical organization of having individual plots for community gardening, these proposed areas would be maintained by the community through a group effort. A program would be developed through the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). The Recreation and Park Department would review the community garden program to ensure equal opportunities for public participation prior to its implementation.

David Beauffe and Janet Winderl spoke in support of this item.

On motion of Commissioner **Friend** seconded by Commissioner **Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-091

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a general improvement plan and community gardens at Juri Commons Mini Park.

7. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT FACILITIES APPROVAL OF SMOKING BAN IN OUTDOOR AREAS AT DESIGNATED FACILITIES**
Discussion and possible action to approve a smoking ban in outdoor areas at designated Recreation and Park Department facilities.

Joel Robinson presented this item to the Commission. He stated that some of the youth from the South of Market Council's Youth Division had approached the Department with the idea of having no smoking in the outdoor areas of recreation facilities. If approved, the Department would post signs at these facilities that indicate "No Smoking".

Prohibition of smoking would be prohibited at the following facilities: SOMA Recreation Center, North Beach Playground, Washington-Hyde Mini Park, Chinese Playground, Richmond Playground, Fulton Playground, Alioto Park, Sunset Recreation Center (play area), West Portal Playground (play area), Junipero Serra Playground (play area), Merced Heights Playground (play area), Tenderloin Recreation Center, Cow Hollow Playground, Macaulay Park, Helen Wills Playground, Argonne Playground, Rochambeau Playground, Bernal Recreation Center, Michelangelo Playground, Presidio Heights Playground, Chinese Recreation Center, Boeddeker Park (Children's area), Cabrillo Playground, J.P. Murphy Playground, Jackson Playground (play area), Midtown Terrace Playground (play area), Mission Playground (play area), South Sunset Playground (play area) and Youngblood Coleman Playground (play area).

Joseph Calubaquib, Diane Rose, Robert Jones and Darcy Lim spoke in support of this item and Marilyn Cassol, Raymond Sasso and Enoch Ludlow spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of Commissioner **Friend** seconded by Commissioner **Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-092

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a smoking ban in outdoor areas at designated Recreation and Park Department facilities.

8. **KEZAR PARKING LOT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK**
APPROVAL OF A BID PACKAGE FOR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
Discussion and possible action to approve a bid package for the management of Kezar Parking Lot in Golden Gate Park.

Tony Fiore presented this item to the Commission. The current Lessee, City Parking Company, had been operating the Kezar Parking Lot on a month-to-month basis since their 5-year lease expired on May 31, 1992. The current Lessee pays the greater of $2,000 per month vs. 12.5% of gross monthly revenues up to $16,667 and 10.57% of gross monthly revenues $16,667 and above.

The bid package presented was developed by the Real Estate Department. The package contains a management agreement rather than a lease, a practice being adopted by the Department of Parking and Traffic in their recent concession agreements. The City Attorney's office advises that this type of agreement is beneficial in that by the Department paying an operator a management fee, no specified property rights are given to the concessionaire. The Department will also have greater control over the monies earned at this parking facility as all receipts will be deposited into an account controlled by the City on a daily basis. The manager will be responsible for paying all necessary taxes. Monthly reports shall be submitted to the Department detailing collected parking receipts, parking usage and taxes collected and paid.

Some of the highlighted terms of this agreement are: 5-year term, approximately $55,000.00 of improvements, provides for MBE/LBE/WBE participation through preference, increased hourly and monthly rates and draw-down maintenance account to be established by lessee.

Larry Burgheimer spoke on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-093

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a bid package for the management of Kezar Parking Lot in Golden Gate Park.

9. **MARINA GREEN KIOSK - OPERATION OF**
APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Discussion and possible action to approve the issuance of a Request For Proposals for the operation of the Marina Green Kiosk.

Tim Lillyquist presented this item to the Commission. The Marina Green Kiosk is located in the West Harbor area adjacent to the West End Sea Wall. The building historically had been used as a snack bar/hot dog stand. It was last operated under a lease with Pon and Hom. The tenant ceased operation in 1989 when the earth quake damage in the area caused a drastic drop off in business. The Department has received several complaints from joggers and other people that use the Marina Green over the need for a snack bar.

The RFP contains the following provisions: 1) permit the sale of snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine, 2) the maximum term of the lease will be nine years or less depending on the quality of the proposal, 3) require the bidder to make the necessary interior alterations, 4) allow table and chairs for outdoor seating on the extended patio adjacent to the Sea Wall, 5) require litter pick-up within a specified distance of the Kiosk, and 6) require a security deposit of $3,000 prior to lease execution.

Joan Giradot and **Emeric Kalman** spoke on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty** seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-094

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a Request For Proposals for the operation of the Marina Green Kiosk amended to have the Kiosk close at sunset, prohibit the sale of beer and wine and add State and Federal Programs into the language.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon arrived at the meeting.

10. **WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRIP
Discussion and possible action to approve the West Sunset Playground Youth Baseball Team accompanying the Lowell High School Baseball Team on a trip to the east coast, July 25 - August 2, 1998.

Lynn Greenlaw briefly presented this item to the Commission.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-095

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the West Sunset Playground Youth Baseball Team accompanying the Lowell High School Baseball Team on a trip to the east coast, July 25 - August 2, 1998.

11. **WOH HEI YUEN**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID TO INTERSTATE/MH IN THE AMOUNT $949,500.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK AT WOH HEI YUEN
Discussion and possible action to approve the award of bid to Interstate/MH in the amount of $949,500.00 for construction of the park at Woh Hei Yuen.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that construction of the park portion of Woh Hei Yuen would complete this important new park in Chinatown. Interstate/MH is an MBE.LBE joint venture. They have worked successfully on several other projects including Portsmouth Square and the Pioneer Log Cabin Zone in Golden Gate Park.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-096

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of bid to Interstate/MH in the amount of $949,500.00 for construction of the park at Woh Hei Yuen.

12. **MCKINLEY PLAYGROUND**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SETO'S CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $404,800.00 FOR PARK RENOVATION.
Discussion and possible action to approve the award of contract to Seto's Construction in the amount of $404,800.00 for park renovation.

Joanne Wilson presented this item to the Commission. The Commission approved the conceptual plan to renovate the park , including the renovation of the existing children's play area at McKinley Square on September 22, 11994. Seto's Construction is the low bidder based on their bid submittal of $404,800 for the base bid and preference points received for being a minority-owned business and a woman-owned business enterprise per Human Right Commission criteria.

On motion of **Commission Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-097

RESOLVED That this Commission does approve the award of contract to Seto's Construction in the amount of $404,800.00 for park renovation.

13. **PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION**
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BLOCK 6202 LOT 45 OF THE REIS TRACT FOR OPERATION OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY
Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for Block 6202 Lot 45 of the Reis Tract for operation of a child care facility.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. The Mayor's Office of Housing has requested the Department to enter into a lease with the Early Years Academy for operation of a child care facility on the subject property. This request is based upon a need to relocate the Early years Academy as a condition for construction of and a new 90 unity senior housing, a new senior center and a new child care center on the existing site of the Early Years Academy.

Fran Martin and **Salvador Velasco** spoke on the item.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-098

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for Block 6202 Lot 45 of the Reis Tract for operation of a child care facility.

13. a **JACKSON PLAYGROUND**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CUEVAS & MANNION CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $332,280.00 FOR PARK RENOVATION
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Cuevas & Mannion Construction, Inc. in the amount of $332,280.00 for park renovation at Jackson Playground.

Joanne Wilson presented this item to the Commission. The Commission had previously approved the conceptual plan to renovate the existing children's play area at Jackson Playground. Cuevas & Mannion Construction, Inc. is the low bidder based on their bid submittal of $326,780 for the base bid and preference points received for being a minority-owned business and a local business enterprise per Human Rights Commission criteria.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9806-099

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Cuevas & Mannion Construction, Inc. in the amount of $332,280.00 for park renovation at Jackson Playground.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Emeric Kalman and Phil Carlton spoke on public comment.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 735th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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736th Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 16, 1998 by Vice President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder discussed on-going conversations about the methodology of combining public and private efforts on behalf of the parks and recreational facilities, and the conversation to concretize and solidify the position of General Manager. She also announced the national search for this position and that it was Joel's desire that he not be placed in this position without him going through the process of competitive selection. She announced the formation of a search committee and the mandate to finish their work within 60 days. She also announced the removal of herself from the Joint Zoo Committee.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Items discussed were the renovation of Union Square, the status of the Golden Gate Park Bond, the Budget, the proposed rent credit for the 49ers and the introduction and appointments of Dan McKenna and Jim Delfino.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9807-100

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 1998.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9807-101

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept various gifts in excess of $506,000 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1) **in the amount of $501,000 from Golden Gate Park Conservancy through Friends of Recreation and Parks for West End Improvements.**

2) **in excess of $5,000 from Glaziers Local 718, Carpenters Local 2236 and Plumbers Local 38 for repairs to the Conservatory.**

Commissioner Salinas explained the need to repair the Conservatory, the Labor organizations who wished to donate their labor and materials to do this and asked for approval.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9807-102
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase From:

Discovery Island Zoo **P.O. Box 10,000** **Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830**	**1 Female Black Swan** **$50.00** **USDA 58-C-076**
Riverbanks Zoological Park **P.O. Box 1060** **Columbia, SC 29202**	**1 Male Red-legged Honeycreeper** **$150.00** **USDA 56-C-001**

Donation From:

Barbara Palmer **1001 Bridgeway #503** **Sausalito, CA 94905**	**1 Male Dumeril's Madagascar Boa** **Donation**
Milwaukee County Zoo **10001 W. Bluemound Road** **Milwaukee, WI 53226**	**1 Male and 1 Female Madagascar Giant Gecko** **Donation** **USDA 35-C-20**

Sale:

Sea World of Florida **7007 Sea World Drive** **Orlando, FL 32821**	**6 Unknown Sex Magellanic Penguin Eggs** **$150.00 for the group** **USDA 58-C-077**

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9807-103
APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution allowing the Recreation and Park Department to begin design work utilizing staff from the Department of Public Works for projects in the $48 million bond program. This resolution will allow monies to be advanced prior to the sale of bonds, later this year for the design of four zoo buildings:

1) Education Center, 2) Administration Building, 3) Operations and Maintenance Building and 4) The Warehouse Facility.

E. CAMP MATHER STORE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL RES. NO. 9807-104
APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the operation of the Camp Mather Store and the production of two Music Festivals at Camp Mather.

F. MISSION POOL RENOVATION RES. NO. 9807-105
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLANS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plans for Mission Pool.

G. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION RES. NO. 9807-106
ADOPTION OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does adopt the Recreation and Park Commission's Annual Statement of Purpose.

H. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION RES. NO. 9807-107
ADOPTION OF MISSION STATEMENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does adopt the Recreation and Park Commission's Mission Statement.

Zoanne Nordstrom spoke on this item.

I. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA RES. NO. 9807-108
APPROVAL OF PROHIBITION OF SKATEBOARDING
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution prohibiting skateboarding in Civic Center Plaza.

Ernestine Weiss spoke on this item.

J. RANDALL MUSEUM RES. NO. 9807-109
APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR LEARNING GARDEN AND EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a plan for the learning garden and exterior improvements.

Peter Boyer spoke on this item.

K. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9807-110
APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESERVOIR AND PUMP STATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the construction of a new reservoir and pump station in Golden Gate Park.

These resolutions passed unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. VOLUME SERVICES - 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT

APPROVAL TO MODIFY OR RESCIND THE PRACTICE TO TEST MARKET NEW ITEMS

Discussion and possible action to modify or rescind the Commission's practice of allowing the food and beverage concessionaire at 3Com Park to test market new items.

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS**
APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF FOOTBALL FIELD COVERS

Discussion and possible action to approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers for the purchase of football covers for 3Com Park.

The Eighth Amendment to the San Francisco 49er Stadium Lease provides for, with prior Commission Approval, of "Any and all improvements and/or equipment purchased by the Lessee, and thereafter deducted as a rent credit, shall become the property of City upon the purchase of the equipment or improvements and at such time that Lessee and Commission, through the General Manager, mutually agree that the equipment or repairs have been delivered or completed in satisfactory condition."

The current ground cover is ten years old and at the end of its useful life and, therefore, no longer able to adequately protect the playing field from rain. There is a NFC requirement that is a 20% or more possibility of rain exists, the field must be covered.

It is the opinion of the field maintenance staff that new field covers are necessary given the likelihood of another wet winter.

On motion on **Commissioner Salinas** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9807-112

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers for the purchase of football covers for 3Com Park.

This resolution passed unanimously.

7. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
APPROVAL OF PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL IN SPECIFIC FACILITIES AND PARKS

Discussion and possible action to approve the prohibition of alcohol in specific facilities and parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department.

The consumption of alcohol in our public parks has become an issue of great concern to staff as well as the general public. As the Department make parks safer and cleaner, we find that the exclusion of alcohol in certain parks is necessary to accomplish our goal. Staff has worked closely with the Police Department to develop the attached list of facilities that we recommend consumption of alcohol be prohibited without a permit from the Recreation and Park Department. These areas were chosen because of the large numbers of children who attend and because of past problems associated with alcohol consumption, as documented by the Police Department.

This ordinance was amended at the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee meeting to allow the Commission to add parks to this Section if the Commission finds that there is reasonable cause for banning alcohol consumption in a particular park or portion of a park. It would also require that the Commission post signs in any park it adds to this Section to notify the public of the ban on alcohol consumption.

Captain Newlin, Rebecca Delony, Mara Raider, Eileen Hoyt, Joseph Marino, John Denlinger, John Laskin , Mike Fanene and Winchell Hayward spoke on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9807-113

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the prohibition of alcohol in specific facilities and parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department.

This resolution passed unanimously.

8. **MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK**
APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FRANCSICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION
Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco International Airport and the Golden Gate National Parks Association to accept $500,000 for the restoration of Mountain Lake.

Mountain Lake Park is located within the Richmond District at 12th Avenue on the southern border of the Presidio. Mountain Lake, for which the park is named, is under the jurisdiction of two agencies: the City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, which has jurisdiction of the southwesterly portion of Mountain Lake; and the National Recreation Area (GGNRA), which has jurisdiction of the remaining majority of Mountain Lake.

Historic and current urbanization of the surrounding lands threaten the lake to become a marsh, including the deposition of fill from construction of Highway 1, toxic runoffs from the highway and nearby golf course, and sedimentation from a creek tributary. A restoration plan is necessary to restore it as a viable lake ecosystem, including consideration for wildlife and native vegetation habitats.

The San Francisco International Airport (SFIA) is in the process of expanding its facilities for which SFIA needs to mitigate against the filling of wetlands. SFIA is proposing to provide $500,000 for the study and partial restoration of Mountain Lake. The Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board have approved SFIA's proposal to use Mountain Lake for mitigation credit.

The SFIA, the Recreation and Park Department, and the golden Gate National Parks Association (GGNPA) on behalf of the Presidio Trust have developed a MOU for the expenditure of the $500,000 for a study and partial restoration. The Golden Gate National Park Service (GGNPA), a non-profit organization, will be the managing agency for the $500,000.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9807-114

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco International Airport and the Golden Gate National Parks Association to accept $500,000 for the restoration of Mountain Lake on the condition that if $500,000 is not enough the Department can go back to the Airport and additional funds.

This resolution passed unanimously.

9. **MARTIN LUTHER KING POOL**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Evans Brothers, Inc., in the amount of $144,900 for demolition the existing building.

The demolition of the existing building is the first of two phases for the King Pool project. To expedite the completion of the new facility, the project is being "fast-tracked" and bid in two contracts, the demolition of the existing building, and the construction of the new building. Associated demolition work includes removal of the existing airplane, salvage of the exterior artwork on the southeast wall, demolition of the mosaic tile artwall along Third Street, removal of selective trees, and other site demolition work. Evans Brothers, Inc. was the only firm that bid on the project. They are neither MBE, WBE, nor LBE.

Erlinda Villa and **Willa Sims** spoke on this item

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9807-115

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Evans Brothers, Inc., in the amount of $144,900 for demolition the existing building.

This resolution passed unanimously.

10. **SAN FRANCISCO MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
Discussion and possible action to approve a supplemental appropriation not to exceed $1,000,000 for dredging of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

The proposed supplemental appropriation would be used to perform dredging at the Marina Yacht Harbor. The scope of work includes dredging, construction support, surveying, and site inspection. The total project costs are $1,500,000. There are existing funds available of $500,000, leaving a balance of approximately $1,000,000, which is the subject of this proposed supplemental appropriation request. All of the proposed funds are available in the fund balance generated from Marina Yacht Harbor revenues and will require no General Fund support.

Emeric Kalman, John Laskin, and **Al Cavey** spoke on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas** seconded by **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9807-116

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a supplemental appropriation not to exceed $1,000,000 for dredging of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

This resolution was passed unanimously.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Winchell Hayward, Carolyn Blair, Ernestine Weiss, John Rizzo Plaza, John Kaus and **Emeric Kalman** spoke on public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 736th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 1998, 3:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
John Murray

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Absent:

William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.
Lynne Newhouse Segal

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder welcomed newly appointed **Commissioner John Murray** and also announced that there was a new alliance of public and private interests to support and improve park and recreation facilities in San Francisco. The official name of the group will be the San Francisco Park Alliance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, spoke about the Minority Youth Golf Clinic, thanked and introduced **Mr. John David** and **Mr. Rudy Duran** who made a special presentation of the Minority Golf Association. Joel then introduced **Ernie Prindle** who made a brief presentation to the Commission in regard to two financial matters: 1) he announced that **Mr. Thigpen** had exercised his 30 day notice for termination of his lease and 2) that the Department would be contacting existing lessees in regard to taking over the lease on the same conditions as Mr. Thigpen. Joel than gave a brief report of the analysis of the Parks Plan. He stated that minus the Golf Course recommendations, the Department agreed with every other recommendation.

Isabel Wade, Neighborhood Parks Council and **Jim Chappell, SPUR** spoke on this item stating they were pleased that the Department had agreed with virtually all the recommendations but were concerned about notification of this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9808-117

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 1998.

Emeric Klaman requested input on the draft and approval of the minutes and asked about the information contained in the minutes.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9808-118

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept various gifts through the Friends of Recreation and Parks in the amount of $ 42,645.00 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1) **$5,500.00 from the Neighborhood Park Grants Program for Eureka Valley Playground**
2) **$10,000.00 from MCI Foundation for the Tenderloin Recreation Facility**
3) **$5,000.00 from US Croquet Association of Northern California for Park Maintenance**
4) **$3,145.00 from McKesson Foundation, Inc. for the Natural Areas School Program**
5) **$5,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. James Laird for Project Insight**
6) **$1,000.00 from Anne Wagner for Gilman Playground**
7) **$3,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Conner for Silver Tree Day Camp**
8) **$10,000.00 from California State Automobile Association for Gilman Playground**

John Laskin spoke on this item.

C. ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTICPATION NURSERY SCHOOL RES. NO. 9808-119
APPROVAL OF A ONE-YEAR LEASE OPTION AND NEW RENTAL RATE

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the last of four one-year options to the current Lease between Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School and the City and County of San Francisco.

D. LINCOLN PARK - PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE MARKER
RES. NO 9808-120

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of a commemorative marker denoting the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway.

E. SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - CHILD OBSERVATION PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO PERMIT FOR USE OF LAUREL HILL PLAYGROUND CLUBHOUSE RES. NO. 9808-121

RESOLVED, That This Commission does approve the First Amendment to the Permit between the San Francisco Community College District and the Recreation and Park Department for use of the Laurel Hill Playground Clubhouse.

F. GOLDEN GATE PARK DELAVEAGA DELL/NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE CROSSROADS CIRCLE

RES. NO. 9808-122

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the crossroads circle.

G. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT** RES. NO. 9808-123

YERBA BUENA CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a gift valued at approximately $10,000 in donated labor from the Yerba Buena Chapter of the California Native Plant Society to restore a portion of the native riparian plant community along Islais Creek in Glen Canyon Park.

These items were passed unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **3COM PARK -**

APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Discussion and possible action to approve a retroactive rent credit in the amount of $7,000.00 to the San Francisco 49ers for upgrades to the electrical system at 3COM Park.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. As was discussed during the General Manager's Report at the July 16, 1998 Commission meeting, the 49ers have installed a new wireless coach-communication system. The electrical service at the field level was inadequate to handle the power required for this system. The work would ordinarily be performed by the City, however, since it needed to be installed before August 2, 1998, and because the City's contracting procedures would make it difficult to accomplish the work by that date, staff had authorized the 49ers to perform the work and requested that the Commission to retroactively approve a rent credit in the amount of $7,000 to reimburse the 49ers.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-124

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a retroactive rent credit in the amount of $7,000.00 to the San Francisco 49ers for upgrades to the electrical system at 3COM Park.

This item was passed unanimously.

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL**

APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN ADULT ADMISSION FEES

Discussion and possible action to approve changes in the Request For Proposal for the operation and maintenance of the Golden Gate Park Carrousel, including an increase of the admission fees for adults from $1.00 to $1.50.

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission. The Property Management division recently advertised a Request for Proposal to operate and maintain the Carrousel. Although widely advertised the RFP generated little interest. Several potential bidders indicated that the current financial package was unworkable given its limited income potential and its excessive maintenance requirements.

The current admission to the Carrousel is $.25 for children and $1.00 for adults. The City's revenue from admissions in fiscal year 1996/97 was approximately $61,000. The cost to operate

the Carrousel the same year was estimated at $67,000. The last fee increase was approved in 1984 when the adult admission was raised from $.50 to $1.00. Staff recommended an increase in the adult admission fee from $1.00 to $1.50. In addition, staff also recommended the following changes to the RFP:

1) Require a $5,000 bid deposit which would be refunded unless the bid is selected and the bidder then chooses not to proceed,
2) Allow the Tenant to negotiate fees for the use of the Carrousel in commercial photography and film production activity, subject to approval of the General Manager, and
3) Reduce the Tenant's annual Maintenance Fund payment from $12,000 to $2,000.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-125

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve changes in the Request For Proposal for the operation and maintenance of the Golden Gate Park Carrousel, including an increase of the admission fees for adults from $1.00 to $1.50.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **VOLUME SERVICES - 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT**
Discussion and possible action to approve a practice of "testing" concession items offered by Volume Services at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission. Over a decade ago, the Commission approved a resolution allowing the food and beverage Concessionaire at 3Com Park to test market new items with 14 days prior notice to the Department. The test allows the Concessionaire to determine the demand for new products, and proper pricing. If the Concessionaire desire to continue to sell these items, they would later seek Commission approval. Staff made the following recommendations:

1) With 14 days prior written notice to the Department, Concessionaire may test market new items at 3COM Park.
2) The notice provided by the Concessionaire must detail the start and end dates of the test period. The Concessionaire must also provide a detailed description of the new items and information differentiating these products from existing products that have already been approved by the Commission. Prices charged for test products shall be no more than the highest price approved by the Commission for similar products and quantities. The General Manger may request that any items be withdrawn from the test.
3) The test period will be limited to a period of time not to exceed 14 home games.
4) Upon completion of the test period, the Concessionaire will have the following options:
   a) discontinue selling the product
   b) seek approval from the Commission for permission to sell the test product on a permanent basis.

Jack Bair with the Giants made the following recommended changes to the proposal:

1) With seven days notice to the Department, Concessionaire may test market new items at 3COM Park.
2) The price for an introductory item be "reasonable" as determined by examining the prices of comparable products and quantities.
3) No time limit specified. The Giants suggest a policy that allows sufficient time to test an item and if popular continue its offering until the Commission considers it

for formal approval which would be scheduled at the next Commission meeting.

Marcia Smolens clarified that Jalapeno peanuts sold for $4.00 not $6.50.

On motion by Commissioner Friend and seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-126

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a practice of "testing" concession items offered by Volume Services at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point which would be 1) seven days notice to the Department, 2) price for an introductory item be reasonable as determined by examining the prices of comparable products and quantities, and 3) when the Department is notified by Volume Services of a testing item that item will be calendared for the next Commission meeting at which time it will be considered for formal approval.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO MARINA YACHT HARBOR -APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DUTRA CONSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT DREDGING**
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Dutra Construction in the amount of $766,100.00 to conduct dredging in the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. The Marina Yacht Harbor requires regular maintenance dredging in order for the boars to negotiate the harbor channel. Dredging is conducted under stringent permits through the Army Corps of Engineers, the Water Quality Control Board and the Bay Conservation Development District.

The contract was put out to bid; however, there were no responsive bidders. The City Administrative Code permits the City to negotiate with a responsible contractor provided that the cost come within the engineer's estimates. In addition, the contractor would have to meet all the City's contract provisions. The Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works had negotiation session with Dutra Construction. Their bid came in at $8.25 per cubic yard, which compared favorably with the engineer's estimate of $13.00 per cubic yard. The Recreation and Park Commission approved a $1 million supplemental to enable the dredging contract to move forward. HRC goals had been waived because of the specialized nature of the contract and the limited number of contracts able to do the work.

Because the bids came in lower than expected, the budget analyst recommended approval of $426,800 from the proposed $1 million supplemental. It was estimated that the necessary permits will be acquired as well as the funds made available by August 31, 1998. Dredging should start immediately after that date. The high priority areas for dredging will be completed by September 16th. The contractor will work three 8-hour shifts, seven days a week in order to meet the contract goals.

Emeric Klaman and **Joan Girardot** spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-127

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Dutra Construction in the amount of $766,100.00 to conduct dredging in the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA - APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF COLUMN FOUNDATIONS TO SUPPORT THE MUNI TRANSIT SHELTER**
Discussion and possible action to approve the installation of column foundations to support the Muni Transit Shelter.

On March 21, 1996 the Recreation and Park Commission permitted minor encroachment on park property for the purpose of the placement of a Muni disabled access ramp at Justin Herman Plaza. Minor encroachments of this type promote the access of public parks by public transit.

The Muni Railway has requested that installation of column foundations, as well as grade beams, be permitted to allow the installation at a future date of the columns that would support a covered Muni stop.

The design of the Muni stop would be subject to Recreation and Park Commission approval at a subsequent date. At this time, only the column foundations and grade beams would be constructed, specifically: five 7'-0" x 7"-0" x 3"-0" deep pile caps, each supported by four steel wide-flange x 130 feet long piles driven into dense stratum. Pile caps would be braced or interconnected by 24"x 24" reinforced concrete grade beams. Top of the pile cap would be approximately 2'-0" below grade. Grade beams would be at least 2"-9" below ground surface to clear the F-Line trackway foundation above.

The work is requested at this time to coincide with track work now underway which would then not need to be disturbed at a later date. The plan was to begin in mid-late September 1998. The pile driving operation would take 1 – ½ weeks. Excavation for pile cap, trenching for grade beams, placement of reinforcement and concrete, curing, and back filling need another 2 to 2 ½ weeks. Total construction duration would be approximately one month.

Muni is in an approval process to permit construction of a hotel on Muni property immediately south of the Justin Herman Plaza. The transit stop shelter would probably be incorporated in the design of the hotel. The Recreation and Park Department will be in discussion with the Muni Railway as well as the hotel developer to determine if any additional mitigation such as provision of maintenance in the area of the transit stop, or other support for improvements to the Justin Herman Plaza area, can be provided.

Norman Rolfe spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** and seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-128

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the installation of column foundations to support the Muni Transit Shelter with the following provisions: 1) there is no call on the Recreation and Park Department on anything other than the placement of the piles, 2) that

if anything were to be built using these foundations, must come back to the Commission 3) all subterranean and 4) if the piles are abandoned in place and if any future Recreation and Park Department Project was to be interrupted, the excavation of the tops of the piles would be removed by MUNI.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. **SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE (PARK CODE) ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER VI, PART 11, SECTION 4.12 - AMENDMENT TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS REFERENCE AND TO CLARIFY THAT PARK EMPLOYEES AND POLICE OFFICERS MAY EXCLUDE PERSONS FROM PARKS WHO ARE CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN CERTAIN PARKS AND AREAS OF PARKS IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE**

Discussion and possible action to amend Article 4, Chapter VI, Part 11, Section 4.12 of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Park Code) to correct an error in Section 4.12(a) and to clarify that park employees and police officers may exclude persons from parks who are consuming alcohol in certain parks and areas of parks in violation of this code.

Ron de Leon presented this item to the Commission. When adopted, San Francisco Park Code Section 4.12 contained an error in Section 4.12 (a). Section 4.12 (a) states that police officers and Recreation and Park Employees may exclude persons that were drinking alcohol "in violation of 4.12". Section 4/12 does not contain any restrictions on alcohol consumption. Section 4.10 contain restrictions on alcohol consumption. This reference in Section 4.12 (a) should instead be referenced in Section 4.10. This is a technical change and staff recommended approval.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** and seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-129

RESOLVED, That this Commission does amend Article 4, Chapter VI, Part 11, Section 4.12 of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Park Code) to correct an error in Section 4.12(a) and to clarify that park employees and police officers may exclude persons from parks who are consuming alcohol in certain parks and areas of parks in violation of this code.

This item was passed unanimously.

11. **MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE FROM CONDITIONS OF REVOCABLE PERMIT NOY (R) - 47529**

Discussion and possible action to approve an Agreement for Release from Conditions of Revocable Permit Noy (R)-47529 Marina Green Degaussing Station.

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

12. **KOSHLAND PARK - APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ALPHA BAY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PARK RENOVATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Alpha Bay Builders Construction, Inc. in the amount of $595,000 for park renovation.

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission. Koshland Park is located in the Hayes Valley District at Page and Buchanan Streets. The Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual improvement plan for park renovation which includes pay areas, community gardens, a basketball half-court and handicap-accessible pathways.

Through a competitive bidding process, four bids were received. The Human Rights Commission (HRC) has verified that Alpha Bay Builders Construction, Inc., submitted the low bid with preference points as a minority-business enterprise and local business enterprise. Alpha Bay Builders submitted a base bid amount of $595,000.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9808-130

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Alpha Bay Builders Construction, Inc. in the amount of $595,000 for park renovation.

This item was passed unanimously.

13. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BLOCK 6202 LOT 45 OF REIS TRACT FOR OPERATION OF CHILD CARE FACILITY**
Discussion and possible action to approve Modification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for Block 6202 Lot 45 of the Reis Tract for operation of a child care facility.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. At the June 1998 Commission meeting a MOU with the Public Utilities Commission was approve. This MOU would allow the PUC staff to issue a permit for use of the Reis Tract to continue and expand our existing mini-park and to provide space for a child care facility. The provision for a child care facility was made at the recommendation of the Mayor's Office of Housing.

Technical amendments to the MOU are:

1) Paragraph 3: Requirement added that upon termination of Child Care lease that any improvements be removed.
2) Paragraph 6: Rent for the Child Care parcel will not exceed $800 per month, and that the Recreation and Park will hold all rentals in a segregated account. At the end of this MOU, the Lease for the Child Care parcel may be at fair market rental.
3) Paragraph 7: Lease for the Child Care parcel shall include appropriate indemnity clauses in favor of the PUC from any and all liability whatsoever.

Salvador Velasco, Friends of Visitation Valley Parks, questioned if the MOU was necessary if there was to be a jurisdictional transfer. **Myron Seeman, Fran Martin** representing Friends of Visitation Valley Parks and Visitation Valley Greenway and **Deanna Mitchell** spoke of their concerns on this item.

This item was passed unanimously.

14. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**
There were no Commissioner matters.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within

the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Caroline Robinowitz, Jean Marcy, Pat Wymer Evans and Kitty McInerney spoke/showed a video on the Sharon Arts Studio requesting it be kept in Golden Gate Park.

Jim Vickers spoke about the Marina Yacht Harbor Advisory Committee and the waiting list.

Emeric Kalman spoke on the Marina Yacht Harbor, the ratification of contracts and his concern of waste of money on projects. He also requested a copy of a manual of procedures for the Recreation and Park Department.

Joan Girardot spoke on the lack of enforcement on the Marina Green and the loss of shrubbery on little Marina Green.

John Laskin spoke on the Master Plan.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

SAN FRANCISCO

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

737th Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 1998 – 5:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 5:20 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
William Getty
John Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

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Absent:

Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder introduced and welcomed newly appointed **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** and **Commissioner Murray**. Then on behalf of the Commission she made a presentation to **Commissioner Friend** honoring him on his birthday.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager made the following report:

Open Space Program Tour

This is to invite staff and Commissioners to attend the annual Open Space Program tour of various parks and facilities proposed for funding in the FY 99-00 Program.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 1998
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Bus departs McLaren Lodge promptly at 9:00 a.m.

If anyone is interested in attending or need further information, please contact Joanne Wilson at 831-2744 by Tuesday, October 20th so she can reserve your seat on the bus and arrange for your lunch.

$65,000 Grant from National Recreational Trails Fund

The Board of Supervisors has approved acceptance and expenditure of a $65,000 grant from the National Recreational Trails Fund Act of 1991 received during Fiscal Year 1996-97 for renovation of trails on Strawberry Hill in Stow Lake, Golden Gate Park. Design is underway to repair bridges and pathways on Strawberry Hill. The grant will be augmented by matching funds from the 1992 Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the

Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.
On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9810-131
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 26, 1998.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT - GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PERFORM RESTORATION WORK AT TWIN PEAKS AND LAKE MERCED RES. NO. 9810-132
RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept and expend $17,000 in grant funds awarded to the Recreation and Park Department by the United States Department of Agriculture to perform restoration work at Twin Peaks and Lake Merced.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS RES. NO. 9810-133
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase

Hatari Invertebrates P.O. Box 510 Portal, AZ 85632	30 unknown sex lubber grasshoppers, 10 unknown sex cactus longhorn beetles 10 unknown sex katydids

Donation From

Hayden Fisher 50 Chelsea Hillside, #9 Benecia, CA 94510	1 unknown sex arawana (fish) Donation
James Lee 919 Gull Avenue Foster City, CA 94404	2 unknown sex pacu (fish) Donation
Josh Butler UC Berkeley 203 NW Animal Facility Berkeley, CA 94720-7150	0.0.4 Tomato Frogs Donation
Stephen Lew 5920 Ivanhoe Road Oakland, CA 94618	1 Sun Scorpion, 1 Giant Hairy Scorpion Donation
National Aquarium 501 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202	12 unknown sex Emperor scorpion, 2 unknown sex red-clawed scorpion 12 unknown sex giant African millipede Donation – USDA # 51-C-002

Donation To

Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue, N. Seattle, WA 98103-5897	15 unknown sex giant thorny phasmids Donation USDA # 52-C-002
Indianapolis Zoo P.O. Box 22309 Indianapolis, IN 46222	3 unknown sex velvet ants Donation USDA # 32-C-001

Sale To	
Honolulu Zoo	1 male black rhino
151 Kapahulu Avenue	Sale $5,000.00
Honolulu, HI	USDA 95-C-001

D. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE - APPROVAL OF INTERIM LEASE FOR OPERATION OF THE PRO SHOP AND SNACK BAR AND APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT RES. NO. 9810-134

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a retroactive interim month-to-month lease for operation of the Pro Shop and Snack Bar at the Golden Gate Park Golf Course and a rent credit for improvements to the facilities.

E. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS TO SAUNA RES. NO. 9810-135

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a request by the South End Rowing Club to make improvements to their sauna.

F. HARDING PARK RESTAURANT
APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES RES. NO. 9810-136

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a request by the Harding Park Restaurant to increase its food prices.

G. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP RES. NO. 9810-137

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division overnight backpacking trip to the Marin Headlands of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for blind and visually impaired teenagers and young adults on October 23-24, 1998.

H. ROPLH PLAYGROUND
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT-IN-PLACE

Discussion and possible action to accept a gift-in-place of play structures and rubber matting by the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA), a non-profit organization.

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM CALENDAR

I. INDIA BASIN SHORELINE PARK RES. NO. 9810-138
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for Phase 2 improvements at India Basin Shoreline Park.

5. PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB
APPROVAL OF NEW RENTAL RATE

Discussion and possible action to approve a new rental rate for the Pacific Rod and Gun Club effective November 1, 1998.

Jaci Fong presented this item to the Commission. For over 60 years, the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has occupied a parcel of land on the southern shore of Lake Merced. The month-to-month lease allows the premises to be used for skeet shooting and flycasting only. The Club has been paying the present rate of $300. per month since 1975.

In June, staff reported the results of a rental evaluation made by the Real Estate Department for the land at Lake Merced that is now occupied by the Club. The size of this site is calculated to be approximately nine acres of level land at or near street grade and five acres

of sloping or low land that extends to the present water line of the Lake. Real Estate reviewed rents being received for comparable recreation land, from that estimated that a fair market rent for the subject land would be $8,000 to $10,000 per acres per year of $72,000 to $90,000 for nine acres of usable area. Real Estate further states that if the Recreation and Park Commission would support a more intensive level of development, the potential market rent would increase dramatically to $200,000 or more per year.

Since June, staff has had two meetings with the Club to review the Club's financial statement, discuss a new rental rate and to suggest various ways that the associated rental increase might be funded by the Club. Review of the Club's 1996 and 1997 financial statements noted net excess revenues of $27,138 and $26,878 respectively. Based on Discussions, staff is recommending an interim rental rate of $3,500 per month until such time as a bid for the facility can be issued and evaluated. Members of the Club have stated that an increase in the rental rate may precipitate an increase in user fees. Club members have also stated that they would come forward with a proposal that would shoe the impact of an increased rental rate. As of this date the Club has not submitted any plan to the Department. Staff recommends the new rental rate be approved, effective November 1, 1998.

Jane Weston and James Shih of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9810-139

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a new rental rate for the Pacific Rod and Gun Club effective December 1, 1998.

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK- BOWLING GREEN DRIVE ZONE APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID TO FLORES/INTERSTATE, JV FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Discussion and possible action to approve an award of bid to Flores/Interstate, JV, a joint venture, in the amount of $6,751,280, for infrastructure improvements to the Bowling Green Drive Zone in Golden Gate Park.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that extensive infrastructure improvements, including new irrigation mains, sewers, drainage, electrical service, pathway improvements and ADA improvements, were recently approved by the Commission. This would implement those improvements. Interstate has worked successfully on many park projects. They are a well regarded local firm. Flores has not been involved in previous Recreation and Park contracts. Flores/Interstate, JV is a certified MB/LBE joint venture, as well as the lowest bidder. Many of their subcontractors are local MBE certified contractors.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9810-140

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve an award of bid to Flores/Interstate, JV, a joint venture, in the amount of $6,751,280, for infrastructure improvements to the Bowling Green Drive Zone in Golden Gate Park.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
ADOPTION OF MASTER PLAN

1) **Discussion and possible action to make findings for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and its associated Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

2) **Discussion and possible action to adopt the Environmental Mitigation measures and the preservation alternative (Millwright's House) described in the CEQA findings.**
3) **Discussion and possible action to adopt the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.**

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan was initiated in 1992. During an approximately 2 ½ year period, more than sixty meetings were held, as well as eight newsletter editions published describing the Master Plan and proposals for adoption. In 1994, the Master Plan was submitted to the Department of City Planning for environmental review. On July 9, 1998, the City Planning Commission certified the Environmental Impact Report.

A newsletter has been circulating since the end of July informing the public of the recommendations for adoption. Generally, the entire Master Plan is recommended for adoption with seven elements recommended to be deferred for possible future study. Those elements are the following:

Closure of Sunset Blvd. North of Lincoln Way, removal of grade separation, and Creation of a new signalized intersection at Lincoln Way;

Prohibition of left turns from eastbound Martin Luther King Drive to Crossover;

Closure of the following roads: South Fork Drive, Bernice Rodgers Way, a portion of 47th Avenue, Conservatory Drive East, and the 7th Avenue/Lincoln Way entrance;

Music Concourse Special Area Plan;

Tea Garden Drive narrowing and traffic calming measures;

Stanyan/Fulton intersection traffic improvements between Fell Street and Fulton Street;

The diagonal bicycle crossing and bicycle-only traffic signal at the Stanyan/Fell intersection.

In addition, mitigations identified in the Final EIR certified as complete by the Planning Commission in July 1998, are recommended to be adopted and incorporated into the final Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

The Master Plan process has been supported primarily through Open Space funds. Implementation of various improvements proposed in the Master Plan may come from a variety of sources including the 1992 Golden Gate Park infrastructure bond, private donations and gifts.

Caroline Rabinowitz, Pinky Kushner and James Beck spoke in opposition of moving the Sharon Arts Studio from its current location.

Ron Miguel and **Harry Parker** spoke in support of this item.

Gary Morgan, Jim Iverson, Michael McGinnis, Greg Gaar, Peter Tanner, John Laskin, Ginger Nichols, Zoeann Nordstrom, Tess Wellsborn, Craig Snyder, Dave Campbell, Katherine Roberts, Paul Dorn, Clayton Mansfield, Mary Ann Miller, Elizabeth Kurshner, Kevin Drew, James Beck all spoke of concerns they had with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted: **RES.NO. 9810-141**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13.**

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB LEASE RESOLVING DISPUTE REGARDING UNPAID RENT AND OTHER ALLEGED BREACHES OF LEASE.**

The Golden Gate Yacht Club signed a lease amendment accepting the Commission's last counter-offer. The Amendment contains all of the terms required by the Commission. The three basic elements are: rent, future rent adjustments and the term.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9810-142

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the First Amendment to Golden Gate Yacht Club Lease resolving dispute regarding unpaid rent and other alleged breaches of lease.

10. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (a) AS WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.**

11. **POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (c) AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (b):**

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation as plaintiff
Number of potential cases: 1

12. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.**

13. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.14 (a) ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION.**

Motion: The Recreation and Park Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public (not) to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.

14. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTER**

There were no Commissioners' matters.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

There was no public comment

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 2:05 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
William Getty
John W. Murray
Jim Salinas, Sr.
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:

Gordon Chin

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Flunder announced the following schedule for the upcoming budget process:

November 17 and 19, 1998	Budget Training for Recreation and Park Department Staff.
December 9, 1998	9-12 pm Budget Help Session with Finance (2nd Floor Conference Room)
December 10, 1998	3-5 pm Budget Help Session with Finance (2nd Floor Conference Room)
December 31, 1998	Deadline for submitting all staff requests to Finance from Superintendent.
January 4 to 8, 1999	Finance coordinates requests and submits request to General Manager. General Manager reviews requests with Superintendents.
January 7, 1999	Budget status report for Finance Committee.
January 11 to 15, 1998	Finance incorporates changes from General Manager into Departmental request.
January 18 to 22, 1999	Public Meetings on the Budget

January 28, 1998	Full Commission Public Hearing on the Budget
February 18, 1998	Final Commission Budget Approval
February 19, 1998	Budget submitted to Mayor's Budget Office

Commissioner Flunder then gave an update on the process of the search for the permanent General Manager's position. She also stated that the Commission would be interviewing those applicants who were recommended by the search committee at the December 17, 1998 meeting. The Commission would then make their recommendations to the Mayor.

3. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORT

Civic Center Project

Approximately 144 olive trees were moved from the Civic Center Plaza to Holly Park and into Golden Gate Park for temporary storage. This is the largest tree-transplanting project the Department has successfully completed. The Plaza will receive new landscaping in the form of turf, drought tolerant plantings and seasonal flowerbeds. In addition, decorations will be installed for the coming Holiday Season.

AIDS Memorial Grove

A new meadow will be installed at the Aids Memorial Grove in conjunction with a major event to be held there on 12/1/98. The meadow at the bottom of the Grove has been in disrepair for over a year because of drainage problems. Structural Maintenance has solved the drainage problem so this important landscape can be fully restored.

Golden Gate Park Master Plan - Status Report on
Items Deferred for Possible Future Study

The Recreation and Park Commission, at its meeting on October 15, 1998, asked staff to prepare recommendations relative to Master Plan items that were deferred for possible future study. Those items include:

- **closure of Conservatory Drive East;**
- **the Music Concourse Special Area Plan;**
- **the Tea Garden Drive narrowing and calming measures; and**
- **the Stanyan-Fulton intersection traffic improvement between Fell and Fulton Streets.**

Staff would like to provide the following recommendations and consideration for the above items.

Music Concourse Special Area Plan/Tea Garden narrowing and calming measures:
As you know, the Music Concourse Authority approved by the voters will have jurisdiction over the Music Concourse area. It is expected that as a product of their activities, a new Music Concourse Area Plan will be prepared. It can also be anticipated that the new plan could be adopted at a future date by the Recreation and Park Commission and would then amend the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Because of this anticipated future action, it was not prudent to recommend adoption of the Special Area Plan and move ahead with implementation knowing that major changes and construction would take place in the Music Concourse area in the relatively near future.

However, it has been noted that by adopting or otherwise endorsing the Music Concourse Special Area Plan, guidance and direction would thereby be provided to the Music

Concourse Authority as to the Commission's intentions for this area of the park. Therefore, staff recommends that the Music Concourse Special Area Plan be adopted as an advisory measure that will inform the Authority of the Music Concourse improvements that the Commission would like considered in future Music Concourse planning.

Conservatory Drive East, Stanyan-Fulton intersection:
The Conservatory Drive East closure is, in terms of traffic impacts, paired with the Stanyan-Fulton intersection traffic improvement. Staff also feels that circulation impacts relative to changes in these two points should be analyzed as part of the traffic and circulation studies that will be needed to develop the Music Concourse Special Area Plan.

The Commission may direct staff, in cooperation with staff of the Department of Parking and Traffic, to study the possibility of a near term approach that would not require extensive construction in the area of the Stanyan-Fulton intersection.

After studying possible approaches and considering environmental review requirements, staff would return to the Recreation and Park Commission for approval to implement any proposed measures. It would also be recommended that this activity be phased in after other approved road closures are accomplished in the park.

Pinky Kushner spoke of her concerns on the Golden Gate Master Plan update.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following items were approved:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9811-143**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 1998.

B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9811-144**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept various gifts in the amount of $32,968.96 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. **An estate grant from the estate of Tatiano Ostroimov in the amount of $22,968.96 for the development of Arizona Garden, Golden Gate Park.**
2. **A John Morris Memorial Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 for placement of a bench in Golden Gate Park in his memory and for maintenance.**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS **RES. NO. 9811-145**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase

Animal Connection	**1unknown sex ringed turtle dove**
2550 Judah	**Purchase $10.00**
San Francisco, CA	

S & B Farms 126 Lynch Road Petaluma, CA 94952	5 female royal palm turkeys, 3 female bourbon red turkeys, 1 male wild turkey 4 unknown sex rabbits Purchase $370.00 for the group
Sacramento Zoo 3930 West Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95822	4 male and 2 female white-faced ducks Purchase $100.00 group USDA # 93-C-0008
Micke Grove Zoo 11793 North Micke Grove Road Lodi, CA 95240	5 unknown sex Orinoco geese Purchase $400.00 group USDA #93-C-0006
Fort Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Parkway Fort Worth, TX 76110	3 male 3 female plumed whistling ducks Purchase $300.00 group USDA #74-C-0085
Donation From	
Helmut Will 1376 Terrace Avenue Millbrae, CA 94030	60 carpenter ants Donation
David Herlocker 6300 Leona Street Oakland, CA 94605	3 unknown sex red-eared slider (turtles) Donation
Lindsay Museum 1931 1st Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94596	1 female Virginia opossum Donation
Donation To	
Christina Noble 325 Meadow Way, Box 507 San Geronimo, CA 94963-0507	1 male and 2 female chickens Donation
Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue Seattle, WA 98103	1 female Sumatran tiger Donation USDA #91-C-0001
Steinhart Aquarium Golden Gate Park San Francisco, Ca 94916	6 unknown sex poison arrow frogs Donation

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT RES. NO. 9811-146
RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the San Francisco Zoological Society audited financial statement for year ending June 1998.

E. PLAZA AT CIVIC CENTER RES. NO. 9811-147
APPROVAL OF BID PACKAGE FOR PUSH CART PERMIT AGREEMENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a bid package for the management and operation of two push cart concessions in the plaza at Civic Center.

GENERAL CALENDAR

THE PRESENTATION FOR ITEMS NUMBER FIVE AND SIX WERE MADE TOGETHER, THE ITEMS WERE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

5. **POLICY ON NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT**

Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the Recreation and Park Commission Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities to state that the policy's provisions do not apply to a decision to name the Plaza at Civic Center the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

Deborah Learner presented the item to the Commission. A proposal by the Joseph Alioto Memorial Committee had been brought forward to name the plaza at Civic Center in honor of Mayor Joseph L. Alioto, to be known as the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

Research into Commission records and the Board of Supervisor's records found no record that the plaza has ever been officially named. However, it is noted that the entire Civic Center area has been named in honor of James Rolph.

The Piazza is ideally suited as a memorial for Mayor Alioto since it faces City Hall where Mayor Alioto so uniquely distinguished himself as a civic leader and one of the most progressive and effective mayors of the City of San Francisco. Moreover, the Piazza would recognize and honor Mayor Alioto's paramount interest in fostering the Arts and in education and encouraging young citizens to pursue and enjoy these varied cultural activities.

Staff recommended approval of the amendment to the policy.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-148

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the Recreation and Park Commission Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities to state that the policy's provisions do not apply to a decision to name the Plaza at Civic Center the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

6. **CIVIC CENTER**
APPROVAL TO NAME THE PLAZA AT CIVIC CENTER JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA
Discussion and possible action to approve naming the plaza at Civic Center the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-149

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Alioto was born on February 12, 1916 in North Beach to Giuseppe and Domenica Lazio Alioto, and

WHEREAS, He attended Garfield School, Salesian School, Sacred Heart High School and

WHEREAS, He graduated magna cum laude from St. Mary's College and won a scholarship to Catholic University of America Law School in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, In 1945 Joseph Alioto returned to San Francisco and opened a law practice specializing in antitrust practice in San Francisco,

WHEREAS, In 1948 he was appointed to the San Francisco School Board and in 1955 he was named to the San Francisco Redevelopment agency Commission, and

WHEREAS, He successfully ran for Mayor in 1967 and served as Mayor until 1977, and

WHEREAS, During which time he tirelessly promoted civic growth, was a strong advocate of civil rights, was lovingly referred to as "Mayor Joe", and

WHEREAS, Joseph Alioto was committed to encouraging young people to participate in the Arts, drama, Music and Literature, both as performers and as enthusiastic advocates, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Alioto died on January 29, 1998 having greatly enhanced the City due to his energy, devotion, love and vision, and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco wishes to honor Joseph Alioto for his contributions to this City by naming the plaza at Civic Center the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza with the further provision that it be designated as a site for exhibitions and performances by the students of the public and private schools in the subjects of poetry, literature, drama, music, painting, sculpture and the crafts, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, does hereby name the plaza of Civic Center the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza to honor the memory of this great San Franciscan.

7. **RAINBOW MONTESSORI PRE-SCHOOL**
APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN RENTAL FEES
Discussion and possible action to approve a plan to increase the rental fees of Rainbow Montessori Pre-School to fair market value.

Aleda dela Cruz presented this item to the Commission. After giving a brief update on the status of information requested by the Commission on all the nursery schools, she discussed the specifics on the Rainbow Montessori Nursery School. The current rental rate for Rainbow Montessori is $0.57 per square foot or $446.32 per month. The nursery school expressed its concern that should the Commission approve a fair market value of $1.00 per square foot or $787.00 pr month, such an increase would initially represent a financial hardship, but could be absorbed over a three year period.

Staff was informed by the Real Estate Department that the $1.00 fair market value included utilities and janitorial services, which equaled $0.12. Since Rainbow Montessori was currently paying these, staff recommended that the 12 cents be deducted, thus the proposed increased rate would be $0.88 per square foot or $692.56 per month.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve the rental rate based upon the fair market value. Should the Commission decide to charge rent based on the fair market appraisal, staff recommended 1) that the rental fee include the deduction of 12 cents for utilities and custodial services 2)to implement the new rental rate increase over three years, effective September 1, 1999 and 3) to approve an annual fair market rate appraisal, as established by the Real Estate Department, minus approved rental credits and deductions, to be pro-rated until September 1, 2000, and added to the current monthly rental rate on each anniversary of the commencement date.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend,** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-150

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a plan to increase the rental fees of Rainbow Montessori Pre-School to fair market value.

8. SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION OF TOLLING AGREEMENT TO AMEND LEASE
Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize a tolling agreement to amend the lease between the City and County, as landlord, and San Francisco Forty Niners, Ltd, as tenant of the stadium known as 3 Com Park at Candlestick Point, to extend the period for potential arbitration of the maintenance condition of the stadium; and ratifying prior acts.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that in front of the Commission was a resolution and amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Forty Niners which had been negotiated by the Mayor's office and the City Attorney's office.

The lease between the San Francisco Forty Niners and the City of San Francisco, which would expire on May 31, 2008 provided that the Forty Niners had the right to terminate the Stadium Lease earlier than said date under certain circumstances in connection with an arbitration procedure regarding the maintenance condition of the Stadium per Section 20 (c) of the Stadium Lease.

The provisions under this Section were included in an amendment to the lease in the mid 1980's. At that time the Forty Niners were concerned about the condition of the stadium as a potential location to host a Super Bowl. As a result of those concerns the City agreed to spend approximately $28 million in improvements to 3COM Park (then Candlestick Park). In addition, the Forty Niners agreed to pay additional rent and extend their lease. However, to alleviate the Forty Niners' concerns about possible future stadium maintenance deficiencies, the arbitration provision of Section 20 (c) was included in the lease.

The Forty Niners provided notice to the City on December 18, 1997 that in their bona fide opinion the Stadium has not been maintained in a condition suitable for the exhibition of major league professional football games. The notice was given pursuant to Section 20 (c) of the 3COM Park stadium lease. The City responded to the Forty Niners assertion that the Stadium had not been properly maintained and proposed that the April 1, 1998 deadline for commencing arbitration of the dispute be "tolled" to enable the parties to focus on completing negotiations for the proposed new stadium complex. The Forty Niners concurred with the need to negotiate and to approve a Tolling Agreement to extend the period for potential arbitration of the 3COM Park stadium lease.

The amendment would approve and authorize a Tolling Agreement which would allow the City and the Forty Niners to significantly extend the time periods, provided for in Section 20 (c), for notice and for arbitration of any potential dispute regarding the maintenance condition of 3Com Park stadium.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-151

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve and authorize a tolling agreement to amend the lease between the City and County, as landlord, and San Francisco Forty Niners, Ltd, as tenant of the stadium known as 3 Com Park at Candlestick Point, to extend the period for potential arbitration of the maintenance condition of the stadium; and ratifying prior acts.

9. SAN FRANCISCO MARINA YACHT HARBOR
PRESENTATION ON SANDMINING
Presentation and discussion only on the possibility of sandmining in and around the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She explained that in each binder was a work program describing a sandmining/dredging program five-year plan. Currently, sand builds up outside the harbor, eventually moving around the harbor's breakwater jetty and blocking the entrance channel. By mining the sand both immediately outside the harbor and in the channel, it is hoped that sand will be prevented from building up and blocking the entrance channel. Since companies are able to sell sand, if there is a demand for the quantities mined, this may be a very cost effective approach, and may reduce the amount of dredging needed inside the harbor, as well as the sand that builds up into the entrance channel. Currently, the Department is pursuing the regulatory hurdles required to obtain permits to implement the five-year program. The plan would include as the mining of marketable silt and clay that is deposited within the harbor and at the harbor's mouth.

Jack Kaus spoke in support of this item.

10. PLAZA AT CIVIC CENTER
RECOMMEND A RAISE IN THE ABSOLUTE CUMULATIVE LIMIT FOR ADDITIONAL SHADOWS TO 1.12 PERCENT
Discussion and possible action to recommend a raise in the absolute cumulative limit for additional shadows to 1.12 percent on the plaza at Civic Center and further to provide a finding of no significant shadow impact on the plaza by the proposed adaptive reuse of the Old Main Library Building.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She explained that the Planning Department was currently reviewing an application for the adaptive reuse of the Old Main Library by the Asian Art Museum. It had been determined that the project would cast additional shadows on the plaza at Civic Center which is protected by the Sunlight Ordinance (Section 295 of the Planning Code.) A determination of shadow impact significance by the Recreation and Park Commission and the Planning Commission would be required.

As stipulated in the Shadow Ordinance the Planning Commission, acting jointly with the Recreation and Park Commission, adopted criteria for determining significance. They approved absolute shadow limits for many of the City's parks. The resolution also provided criteria for specific parks to aid in allocation allowable additional shadow. The criterion that was adopted for the plaza at Civic Center was an additional one percent of shadow (1%) of the total available square-foot hours on the plaza. The qualitative criteria adopted specifically for the plaza was to preserve afternoon sun, particularly on seating areas and lawn area. However, the one percent increment was already used up by the New Main Library and the District Courthouse.

The reuse proposal, by locating mechanical equipment on the roof of the Old Main Library, would create approximately 958, 700 square-foot hours of additional shadow on the plaza. The additional shadow square-foot-hours would represent 0.1159 percent of the total annual square-foot-hours on the plaza. The Planning Department recommended that the absolute cumulative limit for the plaza be increased by 0.12 percent to equal a total of 1.12% for a new absolute cumulative limit.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-152

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend a raise in the absolute cumulative limit for additional shadows to 1.12 percent on the plaza at Civic Center and further to provide a finding of

no significant shadow impact on the plaza by the proposed adaptive reuse of the Old Main Library Building.

10A. **PLAZA AT CIVIC CENTER**
APPROVAL OF LIGHTING PROJECT
Discussion and possible action to approve an interim lighting project in the plaza at Civic Center.

This item was presented by Mario Avendano. He gave a brief overview of the project which included the installation of 48 light poles at the approximate cost of $500,000. The Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering had drawn up the plans and specifications which were attached with the write up. The project is an interim project.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9811-153

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an interim lighting project in the plaza at Civic Center.

11. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**
Commissioner Salinas reported on the presentation of the San Francisco Community Parks Task Force Report to the Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Joan Girardot spoke about the Marina Yacht Harbor and concerns from Fleet Week event on the Marina Green.

Pinky Kushner spoke about the Golden Gate Park Master Plan update.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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738th Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 1998 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 17, 1998 at 2:05 p.m. by President Yvette Flunder.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
William Getty
John W. Murray
Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

Virtually all segments of the Department have come together to transform Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza into an area of which all San Franciscans can be proud. Structural Maintenance has been heavily involved in the project along with gardeners, Urban Forestry, Turf Management and Workfare personnel. This project is currently 95% complete with a target date for completion to coincide with the opening of City Hall early in January, 1999.

The project scope of work included the following items:
50,000 square feet of sod has been installed
New irrigation has been installed
Fencing around the two play areas has been painted as well as all above ground garage vent structures
Concrete repair work
Flagpoles repainted and commemorative banners hung
Three thousand plants have been placed
Forty-eight decorative light poles will be installed
A decorative floral plaque has been designed on Grove Street
Approximately 130 Olive trees were removed and will be transplanted to parks throughout the Park system

VISIT OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON - CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

On December 11, 1998 the Recreation and Park Department had the pleasure to partner with Friends of Recreation, and the White House Millennium Council, to host First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the County Fair Building. The purpose of this extraordinary event was to announce the campaign to "Save the Conservatory of Flowers Building and preserve the existing plant collections".

The planning for this event began back in September when staff of Recreation and Park went to Washington D.C. to meet with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the White House Millennium Council to discuss fund raising options and to request a visit by the First Lady. In October Mrs. Rodham Clinton met with Joel B. Robinson, Donna Ernstson of Friends of Recreation and Parks and a select group of the private fund groups in the community to explore the idea and possibilities of a challenge grant. During this visit, the First Lady agreed to return if a substantial amount of funds were raised by the Friends to match the $5 million put forth by the Goldman family.

On December 11, 1998 the First Lady returned to San Francisco and included the Conservatory of Flowers on her nationally recognized tour, "Save America Treasures", making the announcement of $6,725,000 in matching funds and an additional $1.2 million of F.E.M.A. funds to begin restoration of the Conservatory of Flowers, a total of $11 million in private and government funds. This is the largest commitment of any type of campaign that Friends has undertaken. The day consisted of tours, speeches and a reception for approximately 300 guests invited to attend this historic event. Plans for operation, botanical collections and education have already been established. The City of San Francisco has also funded a greenhouse to shelter parts of the plant collection during the reconstruction.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following items were approved:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9812-154**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17, 1998.

B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS **RES. NO. 9812-155**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase From	
Safari Enterprises	**2 female Grant's zebra**
PO Box 1556	**$15,000**
Cerville, TX 78029	
Donation From	
Detroit Zoo	**1 male mandrill**
PO Box 39	**Donation**
Detroit, MI 48068	**34-C-0012**

Roy Doral **2125 Wayne Avenue** **San Leandro, CA 94577**	**2 male and 2 female sun conure (bird)** **Donation**
Barbara Cooper **811 Los Callindas** **San Rafael, CA 94901**	**1 unknown sex arawana (fish)** **Donation**
Joseph Canfield **350 Turk Street, T609** **San Francisco, CA**	**1 unknown sex arawana** **Donation**
Lab Animal Care **UC Berkeley, 203 NW Anml Fac** **Berkeley, CA 94702**	**2 unknown sex California king snake** **Donation**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9812-156**
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAPIR-ANTEATER-CONDOR EXHIBIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve construction for a mixed species exhibit in the old water buffalo exhibit.

D. **BALBOA PARK RESTROOMS**
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLANS **RES. NO. 9812-157**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve conceptual plans for the new Balboa Park Restrooms.

Arthony Sacco spoke in support of this item

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **RULES OF THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
APPROVAL OF CHANGE
Discussion and possible action to approve the change in location of the regularly scheduled meetings of the full Commission from McLaren Lodge to City Hall effective January 1999.

This item was presented by Acting General Manager, **Joel Robinson**. He stated that in order to better the accessibility to the public meetings, the Mayor has requested that to the extent possible all departments beginning in January of 1999, hold their meetings at City Hall.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9812-158

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the change in location of the regularly scheduled meeting of the full Commission from McLaren Lodge to City Hall effective January 1999.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
APPROVAL OF TICKET PRICE CHANGES FOR THE 1999 BASEBALL SEASON
Discussion and possible action to approve a change of ticket prices for various seating locations at 3COM Park for the 1999 San Francisco Giants Baseball Season.

Chris Mack of Property Management presented this item to the Commission. He stated that Paragraph 13 of the Lease between the San Francisco Giants and the City requires approval of all fees and charges that are imposed on the general public to be approved by the Recreation and Park Commission and that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The last increase in

ticket prices was granted by the Commission before the 1998 Baseball Season. Those increases were for the prices of single ticket purchases only.

The Giants have retained the same ticket price schedule used for the last three seasons – 1996, 1997 and 1998, with the exception of the prices of single ticket purchases. This item concerned the changes in prices of single ticket purchases. The ticket increases range from 6.5% to 20%. Of the 17 seating price categories offered by the Giants, only the Single ticket prices would be raised if the request were approved.

Jack Bair with the San Francisco Giants answered questions and addressed concerns of the Commission.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9812-159

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a change of ticket prices for various seating locations at 3COM Park for the 1999 San Francisco Giants Baseball Season.

7. **FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS**
APPROVAL OF GIFT FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
Discussion and possible action to approve a gift to the Friends of Recreation and Parks in the amount of $43,819 to be used for the repair of the Conservatory of Flowers.

This item was presented by Acting General Manager, **Joel Robinson.** During Labor Day weekend, the Ala Carte Ala Park Festival was held in Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Ala Carte Ala Park donates a portion of their profits to a nonprofit – this year that went to Friends of Recreation and Parks. Staff has proposed that the revenues normally received by the Department from the event be given as a gift to the Friends of Recreation and Parks (Friends), to be placed in a separate account for the repair of the Conservatory of Flowers. The proposed gift would augment other fundraising efforts for the Conservatory of Flowers. The amount of revenues received at the event were $43,819.

The recommended revenues to Friends would be otherwise be deposited into the Department's General Fund revenues. The Department is currently projecting approximately a $3 million year-end revenue shortfall based upon year to date revenues received through October 31, 1998.

After discussion in regard to concerns of the Commissioners, a request for the following information was requested from Friends prior to the January 1999 meeting: 1) detail of the Conservatory of Flowers campaign budget, 2) source of funds for this campaign, 3) expenditures for the last three years and 4) a copy of last year's audit.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** this item was tabled and referred to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting in January.

ITEM NUMBERS 8 AND 12 WERE HEARD TOGETHER

8. **Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.**

Ernestine Weiss and Mary Anne Miller requested information on the search for the General Manager.

Norman Degelman, David Miles and John Laskin spoke in support of Joel Robinson as General Manager.

Philip Carlton requested information on the search for the General Manager, stated that he did not want someone in that position to privatize Golden Gate Park and spoke in support of Joel Robinson.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernestine Weiss spoke on the maintenance problems at the Marina.

Philip Carlton spoke on issues in regard to the zoo.

John Laskin spoke on the Parks Plan.

Zoanne Nordstrom spoke on road closures in Golden Gate Park.

9. **The Commission went into closed session at 3:45 p.m., held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b):**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING
TITLE: General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department

10. **The Commission reconvened in open session at 9:35 p.m.**

11. On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the Commission voted not to disclose discussions held in closed session.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**
Discussion of the procedure the Department used to select the lead consulting firm for the Assessment program.

This item was not heard.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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739th Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 1999, - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 2:05 p.m. by Vice President Eugene Friend.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Yvette Flunder, President
Eugene Friend, Vice President
Gordon Chin
John W. Murray
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:
William Getty

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

1. TRIP TO NEW YORK

Audree Jones-Taylor, Jaci Fong, Dan McKenna, and myself toured the New York City park system during the week of November 30, 1998. The tour was extremely helpful and provided our staff with hands-on information related to funding, property management, park operations, and public and private organizational designs. Our visits included a tour of Central Park and a meeting with their senior staff, including Commissioner Stern, the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Prospect Park, New York Botanical Gardens and Conservatory, and site visits to smaller neighborhood parks.

New York's capital programs are very well funded (approximately $170 million). Their public-private partnerships are well developed, the prime example being the management team at Prospect Park working in conjunction with city operations staff. Property management is fully developed; in fact one hot dog vendor permit fronting the Metropolitan Museum of Art was issued for $250,000.

2. TRIP TO SAN DIEGO

On October 13, 1998 several staff members toured the golf courses of Torrey Pines and Balboa Park in San Diego, California. The purpose of the tour was to explore options and gain insight on the best direction our Recreation and Park Department should move toward. The trip proved to be very successful and provided an opportunity for staff that are directly involved in golf to experience how business is conducted in other cities. It also provided staff, along with Rich Rovetti from the Mayor's office and Walter Reed from Supervisor Brown's office, an opportunity to see that our Department, with limited resources is meeting the

demands and providing good services in comparison to what other cities have to work with. For example, at Torrey Pines, which is rated very high in the golfing world as a top rate course with dramatic scenery similar to our courses, had a budget of $3 million for 36 holes versus our budget of $3 million for 72 holes. They had 29 maintenance employees for 36 holes, which is approximately 15 employees for 18 holes. We have 12 employees for 27 holes at Harding and Lincoln. It was evident that our employees have been successful in maintaining the grounds and the rounds in spite of inadequate equipment and manpower. From that visit, we have been successful in looking at their model and others to develop recommendations for the direction of San Francisco golf courses.

3. ANNUAL CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the efforts of Carol Tatum, Curtis Coates, and Linda Woo, the Department exceeded its goal of 25% employee participation in the Combined Charities Campaign for the year. In the previous year (1997), 8.58% or approximately 85 employees made contributions. More than 350 employees contributed in 1998 for a total contribution of $18,773.

Sincere gratitude goes out to Recreation and Park staff for their generosity and for their demonstration of commitment to all Department successes.

4.GRANTMAKING PROGRAM - FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Friends of Recreation and Parks have initiated a grantmaking program designed to build a sense of community around neighborhood parks. To date, they have given $150,000 to neighborhood groups to improve their local parks, either physically or programmatically. The Neighborhood Park Grants projects are challenge grants which require a match, either in funds or community volunteer time.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURES FOR 1999

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1,
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 18
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31
Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Columbus Day	Monday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25

6. DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, February 2, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 3, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 4, 1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Monday, February 15, 1999	Washington's Birthday Holiday

Deborah Learner gave an update on the road closures for the Golden Gate Master Plan.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9901-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 1998.

B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9901-002**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase From

Sacramento Zoo **3930 W. Land Park Drive** **Sacramento, CA 95822**	**1 female black-necked swan** **Purchase $150** **USDA 93-C-0008**
Santa Ana Zoo **1801 East Chestnut Avenue** **Santa Ana, CA 92701**	**3 female capybara** **Purchase $300/group** **USDA 93-C-0101**
Caldwell Zoo **P.O. Box 4280** **Tyler, TX 75712**	**1 female giant anteater** **Purchase $10,000** **USDA 74-C-0053**

Donation From

Wild Care **76 Albert Park Lane** **San Rafael, Ca 94915**	**1 male Virginia Opossum** **Donation**

C. **HAIGHT ASHBURY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL** **RES. NO. 9901-003**
APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT AND RENTAL RATE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School for the use of the Grattan Playground Clubhouse, retroactive to January 1, 1999.

D. **SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** **RES. NO. 9901-004**
APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PERMIT WITH THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF THE LAUREL HILL PLAYGROUND CLUBHOUSE

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Second Amendment to the Permit between the San Francisco Community College District and the Recreation and Park Department for use of the Laurel Hill Playground Clubhouse.

E. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL AND FOOD CONCESSION** **RES. NO. 9901-005**
AUTHORIZATION TO STAFF TO REJECT THE BID TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL AND FOOD CONCESSION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize staff to reject the bid to operate and maintain the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession.

F. **CAMP MATHER** **RES. NO. 9901-006**
APPROVAL OF TERMS OF LEASES WITH STRAWBERRY MUSIC FESTIVAL, INC. FOR OPERATION OF CAMP STORE AND STRAWBERRY MUSIC FESTIVAL AT CAMP MATHER
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the terms of two (2) five year leases with Strawberry Music Festival, Inc. for operation of the Camp Store and Strawberry Music Festival at Camp Mather.

G. **JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA** **RES. NO. 9901-007**
APPROVAL OF PUSHCART VENDOR(S)
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a permit for the management and operation of two pushcart concessions in the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

H. **AUDIT REPORT** **RES. NO. 9901-008**
APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF INTEREST CHARGES IN THE CONTROLLER'S AUDIT REPORT FOR SONY CORPORATION AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the waiver of the interest charges in the Controller's Audit Reports for Sony Corporation and Sharp Park Golf Course.

I. **TWIN PEAKS TRAIL** **RES. NO. 9901-009**
APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve application for grant funds from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation to rehabilitate the Twin Peaks Trail.

J. **3COM PARK** **RES.NO. 9901-010**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000 TO WING WONG CONSTRUCTION FOR DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of bid in the amount of $500,000 to Wing Wong Construction for disabled access improvements at 3COM Park.

K. **JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA AND SOUTH PARK**
APPROVAL TO DISPLAY THE "LOVE'S SEAT PROJECT" **RES. NO. 9901-011**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve two, four-month displays of the "Love's Seat Project", a temporary sculpture at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza and South Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT
Discussion and possible action to approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers for the purchase of equipment for use with the Jumbotron at 3Com Park.

This item was presented by **Jaci Fong.** The Eighth Amendment to the San Francisco 49er Stadium Lease provides that, with prior Commission approval, "Any and all improvements and/or equipment purchased by the Lessee, and thereafter deducted as a rent credit, shall become the property of City upon the purchase of the equipment or improvements and at such time that Lessee and Commission, through the General Manager, mutually agree that the equipment or repairs have been delivered or completed in satisfactory condition."

In anticipation of the Giant's move, and the building of a new stadium, the Department has been reluctant to make any major investments in equipment or the facilities at 3Com Park. As necessary and whenever possible, staff has opted to make repairs. The current Jumbotron equipment was purchased by the City over ten years ago. Due to normal wear and tear and technological advances, many of the components of the system are at the end of their useful like. Earlier this season, the slo-mo/instant replay machine ceased functioning. Staff was advised that parts are no longer available and that his equipment is irreparable. In order to finish out the football season, an instant replay machine was rented. Although renting addressed the immediate problem, renting is not a cost effective alternative on a long term basis. The 49ers have requested that a new slo-mo/instant replay machine be purchased as soon as possible. The equipment is necessary to upgrade the animation displayed on the Jumbotron annually to reflect changes in personnel.

In addition to the 49ers, the Giants utilize this equipment. They are requesting that the equipment be available this coming April in anticipation of the Giant's final season at 3Com Park. Although the 49ers have declined our request to pay for part of the equipment, in order to facilitate the purchase, the 49ers have agreed to purchase the equipment, if the Department will reimburse the 49ers through a rent credit against their rent due in February. This equipment can readily be integrated into a new stadium or any upgrades to the existing stadium.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas,** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers for the purchase of equipment for use with the Jumbotron at 3Com Park.

6. **FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS**
APPROVAL OF GIFT FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
Discussion and possible action to approve a gift to the Friends of Recreation and Parks in the amount of $43,819 to be used for the repair of the Conservatory of Flowers.

This item was presented by **Joel Robinson,** During Labor Day weekend, the Ala Carte Ala Park Festival was held in Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. The Department was proposing that the revenues to be received from the event be given as a gift to the Friends of Recreation and Park, to be placed in a separate account for the repair of the Conservatory of Flowers. The proposed gift would augment other fundraising efforts for the Conservatory of Flowers. The amount of revenues received at the event were $43,819. The money donated to Friends would otherwise be deposited into the Department's General Fund revenues. The Department is currently projecting approximately a $3 million year-end revenue shortfall based upon year-to-date revenue received through October 21, 1998.

Donna Ernstson, Executive Director for the Friends of Recreation and Parks explained their need for the money and answered questions of the Commissioners.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend,** seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an interest free loan in the amount of $43,819 to the Friends of Recreation and Parks to be used for the repair of the Conservatory of Flowers.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN PUBLIC FEES FOR LESSONS, TRAIL RIDES, AND OTHER SERVICES TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 1999
Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in public fees for lessons, trail rides, and other services at the Golden Gate Park Stables, to be effective February 1, 1999.

This item was presented by **Aleda dela Cruz**. The last increase in fees for public programs at the stables in Golden Gate Park was granted 11/21/96 with the fees effective 2/1/96. For the first time in two years, the Lessee is requesting approval of new rates for its public programs. If approved, the proposed rates would be the maximum rates charged. The Lessee would like the flexibility to increase current rates gradually over time, consistent with customer acceptance. Lessee continues to make improvements to the stables and has completed the following capital improvements that fulfill the Section 22.2 requirement: 1) renovated WPA stalls, 2) constructed new arena at Little Speedway Meadow and 3) completed upgrades to the Central Area and Redwood Ring.

The rates for the Kids Leadline, Pony Ride, and Tiny Tots (under eight years of age) were the only rates that were not approved for an increase in 1996. These rates have not been raised in five years, since 1993. These programs are labor intensive, requiring an experienced groom or instructor for every one or two kids, as opposed to a group lesson, which can have up to eight students per instructor.

Staff noted that per the lease agreement, "Any changes in the rates or charges shall be subject to approval by Lessor, but shall not be unreasonably withheld." The Lessee has complied with the requirements of the lease to justify an increase in public fees by 1) providing comparables, 2) completing a minimum of three capital improvements, and 3) agreeing to staff's proposed fees that do not exceed the CPI requirement.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-014

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve an increase in public fees for lessons, trail rides, and other services at the Golden Gate Park Stables, to be effective February 1, 1999.

8. **GARFIELD SQUARE CLUBHOUSE**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO M.H. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CO., MBE/LBE, IN THE AMOUNT OF $313,250
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to M. H. Construction Management Co., MBE/LBE, for $313, 250.

This item was presented by **Tony Leung**. Improvements consist of disability access, a new kitchen, restrooms, new glazing on existing windows, relocation of the director's office to the front of the building, and improving the general appearance of the building. This contractor has worked on Recreation and Park Department projects previously and is currently working on the Golden Gate Park ADA Improvement Projects.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to M. H. Construction Management Co., MBE/LBE, for $313, 250.

9. **UNION SQUARE**
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF THE REDESIGN PLAN OF UNION SQUARE
Discussion and possible action of conceptual approval of the redesign plan of Union Square.

This item was presented by **Deborah Learner**. The Mayor's Office and the City Planning Department sponsored a Union Square redesign competition in 1997. After review and refinement by the surrounding community and civic groups, the redesign for Union Square is brought forward for Commission approval.

The proposed project would remove all existing park features, except for the Dewey Monument in the center of the Square, and would replace them with new paving, vegetation, and other landscape

elements. Existing palm trees in the Square would be relocated or removed and replaced in-kind at new locations.

The ticket office at the east end of the Square would be removed, and two new park-serving structures would be added: a café, and an information/reservation facility. Both structures may have adjoining arbor areas for covered seating. There would also be a new stage, consisting of a raised platform with some kind of open backdrop structure, that would be centered on the Post Street side of the Square. The café would be a small, highly transparent building on the east side of the Square above the Stockton Street garage entrance and would be accessed from within the Square. The information and reservation facility would consist of one or two small buildings and would be located on the west side of the Square above the Powell Street entrance. Arbor areas adjacent to the café and information/reservation structures would be approximately 12-16 feet tall, and would provide a roof-covering with no wall enclosures. To improve connections with the underground garage, it is possible that a new elevator would be integrated in to the café, and two new stairs would be integrated into the café and information/reservation facility.

The northwest corner of the plaza level would be lowered, and a lawn would extend directly from Post Street to the central plaza. Lawn terraces would be located along the Geary Street side of the Square, and would descend from the central plaza to street level. The main pedestrian entrances to the plaza would be increased in size, and would include stairs from the corner of Powell/Post and Stockton /Geary, and a combination of steps and walkways from the corners of Stockton/Post and Powell/Geary. There would also be stairs in the middle of the Stockton Street side of the Square, and stairs along Geary Street terraces on both sides of the main vehicular entrance to the garage.

The number of trees in the Square would be increased and would include four large palm trees at each corner, and small groups of other trees on either side of the stage. Additional trees are proposed along the Geary Street lawn terraces and next to both buildings as accents. The amount of hardscape (i.e. paving) would be increased, and the ratio between hardscape and softscape would be increased, from about 50/50 to 70/30. New paving may extend outside the Square, to include surrounding sidewalks. A water feature, would be introduced into the center of the Square, at the foot of the Dewey Memorial, and four vertical features (e.g., columns or pylons) would be placed around the taller monument to define the central plaza area. The plaza will be more hospitable to events and there will be more hard surfaces than in the old design. Disability access would be provided throughout the Square.

Linda Mjellem spoke in support of this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does conceptually approve of the redesign plan of Union Square.

10. **UNION SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
Discussion and possible action to approve a Supplemental Maintenance Agreement for Union Square with the City of San Francisco Uptown Parking Corporation.

This item was presented by **Ernie Prindle.** The proposed transaction would allow Uptown to issue bonds to finance the renovation of Union Square park and garage. Uptown would be allowed to operate the garage and provide supplemental maintenance services to the park. The overall effect would be a completely renovated park and garage at no cost to the Department.

The Department of Public Works estimated that the total project cost for the rehabilitation of Union Square park and garage is approximately $19 million. The Uptown Parking Corporation which has managed the Sutter-Stockton garage for almost 40 years, has agreed to finance these

improvements. The annual debt service for these bonds is estimated at $1.37 million, and will be repaid from Surplus Revenues from Sutter-Stockton garage and Union Square garage revenues.

Summary of the Transaction:

- City leases Union Square garage to Uptown and enters into a supplemental maintenance agreement for Union Square park. The supplemental maintenance agreement was requested to ensure that the park improvements were maintained in a first-class condition. The Union Square lease (but not the Supplemental Maintenance Agreement – not any part of the Park) shall be the security and collateral for the bond issuance.
- Term of the garage lease is 50 years or life of the bond; term for supplemental maintenance agreement is five years. Uptown shall the right to request five year extensions subject to the Commission's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- Uptown will implement the winning Union Square design, financed through a bond issuance, not to exceed $19 million. Recreation and Park Commission and the Art Commission will approve the final design.
- Total dept service for the bond is estimated at $1.37 million per year. As shown on the attached spreadsheet Uptown's annual contribution to the debt service will decrease from $900,000 in FY 1999-00 to $500,000 in FY 2003-04. Consequently, Recreation and Park's debt service will increase form $470,000 in FY 1999-00 to $870,000 in FY 2003-04. However, the overall impact on net garage revenues will be minimized by reduced Union Square operating costs and anticipated increase in Union Square revenues. The Mayor's office has indicated that the overall reduction in net revenues will be made up with increased General Fund support. Additionally, Uptown shall reduce their debt service contribution by the amount that Recreation and Park revenues from the use of Union Square park exceeds $100,000 in any year.

Uptown shall annually prepare and annual Work Plan for Commission approval. This Work Plan shall include:

- Maintenance Services: Currently the Department has one gardener and one custodian assigned to maintain the park. Uptown shall be responsible to provide additional custodian, gardening, landscaping and other maintenance services to supplement the existing Department services.
- The original agreement to the Parks and Planning Committee included a provision allowing Uptown to provide Marketing Services including permit issuance. The Parks and Planning Committee was concerned about this item. Therefore the supplemental Maintenance Agreement has been amended, deleting this activity. This may be brought back to the Commission at a later time as an amendment to this Agreement. If this is done, a detail explanation of the services will be provided.
- Food Services: Uptown shall be granted a lease for food services and other auxiliary services related to the use and enjoyment of the park. The terms of any such lease, as well as any sublease by Uptown shall be subject to Commission approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Agreement provided to the Parks and Planning Committee stated that the General Manager shall approve final plans and budget for all Park improvements before uptown commences such work. The Agreement has been amended to provide that the Commission shall approve the final budget. While the Commission will approve the budget for the Park improvements, the Commission will not approve the award of contract as Uptown will be conducting the bidding process.

Rich Hillis with the Mayor's office answered questions on this item, **Linda Mjellem** spoke in support of this item and **Philip Ryan** recommended an amendment to the item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** this item was

tabled until the Special Commission meeting scheduled for January 28, 1999.

11. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION'S PROJECT INSIGHT**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight ski trip for blind and visually impaired teens to the Kirkwood Ski Resort, February 26 – 28, 1999.

This item was presented by **Ben Oude Kamphuis**. San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Project Insight Program for the blind and visually impaired people is run collaboratively with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind. This is a year-round program, which includes a day camp program during the months of July and August. Traditionally, an overnight ski trip is scheduled at the beginning of each new year which focuses on building teamwork, leadership and daily living skills. Two PI staff members and one RRL staff member will be assisted by one to two volunteers. Eight teens will be going on this trip, with accommodations in the Kirkwood area. The group will depart San Francisco on the morning of February 26th and will return the afternoon of February 28th.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.9901-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight ski trip for blind and visually impaired teens to the Kirkwood Ski Resort, February 26 – 28, 1999.

12. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION'S PROJECT INSIGHT**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight ski trip for Deaf teens to South Lake Tahoe, February 13 – 15, 1998.

This item was presented by **Lucas Tobin**. San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Project Insight (PI) conducts a Friday Night Fun and outdoor adventure program for San Francisco's Deaf teens. In addition to providing inner-city teens with the opportunity to get out of the City and enjoy the wilderness, these trips focus on challenge and building teamwork, leadership and daily living skills. Previous adventure activities include: Cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking and backpacking. This winter, the teens would like to try snowboarding. Three PI staff members will be assisted by three volunteers who have experience teaching snowboarding and also know some sigh language. Twelve teens will be going on this trip, with accommodations in a cabin in the South Lake Tahoe area.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Salinas** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9901-019**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight ski trip for Deaf teens to South Lake Tahoe, February 13 – 15, 1998.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 13 THROUGH 17.**

Emeric Kalman spoke at public comment. – The tape was not discernable.

14. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISED FIRST AMENDMENT TO GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB LEASE RESOLVING DISPUTE REGARDING UNPAID RENT AND OTHER ALLEGED BREACHES OF LEASE.**

14. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (a) AS WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.**

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the Commission went into closed session at 4:10 p.m.

16. **POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (c) AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (b):**

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation as plaintiff
Number of potential cases: 1

17. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.**

The Commission reconvened in to open session at 4:20 p.m.

18. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.14 (a) ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSIONS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION.**

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Murray the following motion was adopted:
The Recreation and Park Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.

19. **STATE APPROPRIATIONS**
APPROVAL TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS
Discussion and possible action to approve application to accept and expend funds for State Appropriations for the Conservatory of Flowers: $1,970,000; King Pool: $492,500; Merced Habitat Restoration: $197,000.

This item was presented by **Deborah Learner**. Through efforts of the Mayor and State elected officials, the State budget provided appropriations for the following projects: Conservatory of Flowers, King Pool and Lake Merced Habitat Restoration. These funds will augment funding already in place for the three mentioned projects. The approval by the Commission is a housekeeping measure requested to assure that All procedures have been properly carried out. A resolution to apply, accept and expend these State appropriations will also be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9901-021

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve application to accept and expend funds for State Appropriations for the Conservatory of Flowers: $1,970,000; King Pool: $492,500; Merced Habitat Restoration: $197,000.

20. **THE WILKINSON GROUP**
PRESENTATION OF SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
Presentation and discussion of a sponsorship program by The Wilkinson Group.

Kevin Bartram, with The Wilkenson Group gave a brief presentation to the Commission. Friends of Recreation and Parks retained The Wilkenson Group in June 1998 to conduct a feasibility study for the consideration of a Department-wide corporate sponsorship program. He discussed the feasibility, concept and benefits of such a program.

John Laskin spoke on this item. The tape was not discernable.

21. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1999, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas,** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the nominations for President were opened.

Commissioner Chin nominated **Commissioner Salinas** for President. **Commissioner Murray** seconded the nomination.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend,** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the nominations for President were closed.

By unanimous vote **Commissioner Salinas** was voted President.

On motion of **Commissioner Salinas,** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the nominations for Vice President were opened.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal nominated **Commissioner Chin** for Vice President and seconded by Commissioner Salinas.

By unanimous vote **Commissioner Chin** was voted Vice President.

22. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

23. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

24. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

740th Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 740th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Eugene Friend
William P. Getty
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
Yvette Flunder

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2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Salinas reported on the committee assignments:

Finance and Administration
Gordon Chin, Chair
Eugene Friend
John Murray

Recreation, Parks and Planning
Lynne Newhouse Segal, Chair
William Getty
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Joint Zoo Committee
Yvette Flunder, Chair
Lynne Newhouse Segal
Jim Salinas, Sr.

3. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

On February 2, 1999, the Recreation and Park Department was contacted by Supervisor Leslie Katz' office regarding utilizing Eureka Valley Recreation Center as a possible shelter for teens. It is my understanding that this proposal was developed by the offices of Supervisors Katz, Leno and Ammiano.

Staff reviewed the issues and worked closely with Supervisor Katz' office in developing a list of issues and concerns that, if necessary, would make such a shelter feasible. On February 4, 1999, a public meeting was held at the Cal-Fed Bank to provide an opportunity for public comment.

The proposed hours of operation for the shelter would be 10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Sunday. Supervisor Katz' office has agreed to pay for an additional custodian for four hours per day Monday through Sunday.

The shelter is to be opened for two months from its start date, which has yet to be determined.

There have been questions regarding the use of the on-site showers. However, the showers at Eureka Valley have been closed for over 15 years and would require a significant amount of money and work to make them operational. With that understanding, the Supervisors have elected to use the Mission High School showers.

There is currently a public meeting being held with Supervisors Ammiano and Katz in room 263, City Hall to further discuss this item.

Ailene Coffino stated her frustrations with the process of this center becoming a shelter and her opposition to the center becoming a shelter.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES.NO. 9902-023

RESOLVED, That this commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 1999.

B. BEQUEST FROM HELEN ARGUE — RES.NO. 9902-024

ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept a bequest in the amount of $5,000 from Helen Argue.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY — RES. NO. 9902-025

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchase

Santa Ana Zoo **1801 E. Chestnut Avenue** **Santa Ana, CA 92701**	**One male Black-necked swan** **Purchase $300.00** **USDA 93-C-101**
S and B Farm **125 Lynch Road** **Petaluma, CA 94952**	**Twelve unknown sex guinea fowl** **Purchase $180/group**

Glenn Mitchell 1394 Warner Avenue Sunnyvale, Ca 94087	Six unknown sex peach-face lovebirds Seven male budgies (birds) Purchase $202.50/group
Micke Grove Zoo 11793 No. Micke Grove Zoo Lodi, CA 95240	One female Gunther's dik-dik (antelope) Purchase $600.00 USDA # 93-C-006
El Paso Zoo 4001 East Paisano Drive El Paso, TX 79905-4223	One female and one male blue-gray tanager (bird) Purchase $150.00 USDA # 74-C-052
Hatari Invertebrates P.O. Box 510 Portal, AZ 85632	2 unknown sex centipedes, 20 unknown sex Trinidad beetles, 4 unknown sex Hydrophidae beetles, 20 unknown sex Canthan sp. Beetles Purchase $300.00/group
Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue, N. Seattle, WA 98103-5897	1 female and 1 male blue-gray tanager Purchase $200/pair USDA # 91-C-001
National Aquarium Pier 3, 501 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202-3194	2 male, 3 female, 2 unknown sex saffron finch, Purchase $350/group USDA # 51-C-002
Fort Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Parkway Fort Worth, TX 76110-6640	3 female plumed whistling ducks Purchase $150/group USDA # 74-C-085
<u>Donation From</u>	
Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue, N. Seattle, WA 98103-5897	Colony white-eyed assassin bugs Donation USDA # 91-C-001
Corrie Saux 726 14th Street, # 3 San Francisco, CA 94114	Velvet ants, dynastro beetle, grasshopper cerembycidea beetle Donation
Steinhart Aquarium Golden Gate Park San Francisco, CA 94132	2 female fresh water sting rays Donation
Steinhart Aquarium Golden Gate Park San Francisco, CA 94132	3 unknown sex squawfish, 8 unknown sex hard head (fish) Donation
Ray Hicks 456 Bundy Avenue San Jose, CA 95117	One colony honey bees Donation
International Bird Rescue 699 Potlers Aquatic Park Berkeley, CA 94710	One unknown sex brown pelican Donation

Penninsula Temple Beth EL 1700 Alameda San Mateo, CA 94403	One male green iguana Donation
Sale	
Henry Doorly Zoo 3701 South 10th Street Omaha, NE 88107-2200	One male lesser kiskadee (bird) One male palm tanager (bird) One female red-legged honeycreeper (bird), Sale $225.00/group USDA 47-C-003
Sea World of Florida 7007 Sea World Drive Orlando, FL 32821-8097	6 penguin eggs Sale $150.00 USDA # 58-C-077
Nashville Zoo 1710 Ridge Road Circle Joelton, TN 37080	1 unknown sex kookaburra Sale $100.00 USDA # 63-C- 131
Donation To	
Metro Washington Park Zoo 4001 SW Canyon Road Portland, OR 97221	3 unknown sex African millipedes Donation USDA #92-C-001
Akron Zoological Park 500 Edgewood Avenue Akron, OH 44037-2199	1 female Sumatran Tiger Donation USDA # 31-C-001
Star Academy 325 Kipling Street Palo Alto, CA 94301	1 female Llama, 1 male, 4 female, 2 unknown sex peafowl Donation
Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue, N. Seattle, WA 98103-5897	15 unknown sex giant thorny phasmids Donation USDA # 91-C-001

D. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP RES.NO. 9902-026
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for 8-10 Deaf teenagers to Point Reyes, March 31 to April 2, 1999.

E. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP RES.NO. 9902-027
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division Project Insight overnight backpacking trip for 8-10 teenagers and young adults, who are Blind and Visually Impaired, to Golden Gate National Recreation area, Marin Headlands on March 26-28, 1999.

F. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION
APPROVAL OF TRIP TO EUROPE RES.NO. 9902-028
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight Europe Tour for nine Young adults, who are Blind and Visually Impaired from May 28th – June 7th , 1999.

G. STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY RES.NO. 9902-029
APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE PUSHCART
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit with the Strybing Arboretum Society to continue operating a food and beverage pushcart concession at Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.

H. JAPANESE TEA GARDEN RES.NO. 9902-030
APPROVAL OF PRICE INCREASE FOR TEA AND COOKIES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a price increase from $2.50 to $2.95 for tea and cookies at the Japanese Tea House, effective March 1, 1999.

I. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE OF ROOM 110, 1800 OAKDALE AVENUE RES.NO.9902-031
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Utilities Commission and the Recreation and Park Department for use of Room 110, at 1800 Oakdale Avenue.

J. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9902-032
APPROVAL OF CAPITAL BUDGET – FY 1999-00
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Recreation and Park Department's Capital Budget requests for FY 1999-00.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF FY 1999-00 BUDGET
Discussion and possible action to approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's FY 1999-00 Budget.

During January of this year a hearing on the budget was held by the Commission. During the hearing, staff explained that the major budget issues facing the Department were as follows: 1) status quo budget and 2) decrease budgeted revenues of approximately $2.5 million. As a result, the Department will require additional General Fund support of approximately $2.5 million even without the submission of any enhancements.

The Department will be submitting to the Mayor's Office a request for equipment consistent with prior year funding levels. The Department has requested a total of $800,000 in equipment. Staff noted that the list was attached for the Commission's review.

Depending on the amount of available city-wide revenues, the Department may receive additional enhancements for FY 1999-2000. The Department will continue to work with the Mayor's Office on enhancements. Prior to incorporating any additional enhancements into the budget, the Department will present any proposed enhancements to the Commission at a later date.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve a resolution that would provide for adoption of 1) a status quo operating expenditure budget, 2) acknowledgment of $2.5 million in fewer revenues and 3) a General Fund equipment request of approximately $800,000.

Elizabeth Sullivan spoke on the Parks Council Analysis they presented. **Marybeth Wallace**, Coleman Advocates presented their enhancement proposals. **Ilana Berger** with POWER spoke on their proposal to help workfare workers receive training to become eligible for city jobs.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9902-033

RESOLVED, That this Commission does adopt a status quo operating expenditure budget, Acknowledges a $2.5 million revenue shortfall and approves a General Fund equipment request of approximately $800,000.

6. **MARINA GREEN**
APPROVAL OF SKYSURFING COMPETITION – ESPN SUMMER X GAMES
Discussion and possible action to approve the Skysurfing Competition at the Marina Green as part of the ESPN SUMMER X GAMES put on by WSPN Production, Inc. from June 21 to June 29, 1999.

This item was removed from calendar.

7. **HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE**
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM TIGER WOODS FOUNDATION TO USE THE COURSE FOR A GOLF CLINIC
Discussion and possible action to approve a request from the Tiger Woods Foundation to allow the use of Harding Park Golf Course for a golf clinic to be held September 6, 1999.

The Tiger Woods foundation (TWF) is dedicated to promote the sport of golf to inner-city youth. To meet this goal TWF annually sponsors golf clinics for youngsters in five cities throughout the Country. Rich Rovetti, of the Mayor's Office, submitted an application on behalf of the Department and the proposal was chosen to be one of the locations in 1999. TWF would like to utilize Harding Park Golf Course and the Driving Range on Labor Day, September 6, 1999 from 6:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. necessitating the closure of the course. The program will also hold clinics and seminars on September 4th and 5th, but these activities will not necessitate the closure of the course.

The golf clinics will offer workshops with teaching professionals for 125 youngsters from grassroots organizations with their parents or guardians. Additionally, 25 youngsters will receive hands-on training with Tiger. Prior to the golf clinic and exhibition, youngsters will also have an opportunity to learn about golf etiquette, the business of golf and how to prepare for youth employment opportunities during a series of workshops on Saturday the 4th. On Sunday, the 5th Earl Woods will conduct seminars related to parenting and his experiences interacting with Tiger. These seminars will focus on a parent's positive relationship with their children. Related functions will also be held throughout the City during the weekend raise funds for youth golf programs.

Reola Freeman spoke in support of this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9902-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the Tiger Woods Foundation to allow the use of Harding Golf Course for a golf clinic to be held September 6, 1999.

8. **CAMP MATHER APPLICATION PROCESS**
APPROVAL OF REVISION TO PROCESS
Discussion and possible action to approve a revision to the group application process for Camp Mather.

The Department implemented a number of years ago, a random selection process for booking reservations at Camp Mather. This was done to avoid problems with a "first come first served" process that was used before then, and to provide equal access to all potential campers. The

Department initially accepts applications during a one week period in late March. Immediately following this period the Department numbers each reservation and then selects reservations randomly (through computer generated random number program) for processing and booking of a reservation. Prior to last season, the Department allowed multiple applications to be accepted and booked as a group. However, due to concerns that a group (which could contain as many as 10 applications) would go around the random order process staff recommended, and the Commission approved, that only one application could be submitted per envelope.

Staff worked with campers last season to facilitate group bookings within the confines of a single application, and the random order application process. However, the Department received complaints both at camp and here about the process. Staff is proposing that the reservation policy be changed to allow multiple families to submit their application in one envelope, but that each family would still be assigned a random number.

On motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9902-035

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revision to the group application process for Camp Mather as presented by staff but amended to state that groups are no larger than five.

9. **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES**
PRESENTATION OF THE 1999-2000 CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN
Presentation and discussion only of the 1999-2000 Children's Services Plan by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Staff from the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families made a brief presentation to the Commission. Over the past several years parents, consumers, young people, and policy makers have expanded the public debate on the children's services to include a focus on quality and accountability. The mission of this Department, formerly known as the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, is to improve the well-being of children, youth and their families in San Francisco. In order to demonstrate measurable improvements in the lives of San Francisco's young people, DCYF is working with all stakeholders – parents, youth, educators, public policy leaders, business, philanthropy and community service agencies – to build the capacity of our neighborhoods to promote the healthy development of children.

DCYF proposed the following recommendations:

1) Adopt an Outcome Based Planning Model
2) Adopt Systems Change Priorities to Guide Future Resource Funding Allocation
3) Adopt Quality of Life Benchmarks to Guide Future Resource Allocation
4) The Children's Fund will disburse funds by age, gender and service distribution ratios established in 1998-99.
5) Adopt the Proposed 1999-2000 Children's Fund Allocation Plan, pending the availability of funds.

Staff stated that San Francisco has been a national leader in supporting children's services. In the past, the Children's Fund has been used to fund innovative and award winning children and youth development programs that address service gaps in the neighborhoods. New data highlighted in this Plan reflects the continuing improvement and ongoing challenges many of our children, youth and families face.

In 1999-2000, DCYF is proposing to concentrate on systems change priorities and increased accountability. The Department must make evaluation an integral part of all policy, planning and funding activities; and re-orient the Children's Fund to leverage resources within an investment strategy.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrea O'Leary spoke on the Advisory Dog Off-leash Task Force. Chris Duderstadt spoke on the soccer fields.

11. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 740th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

741st Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 741st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
Eugene L. Friend
William P. Getty
John W. Murray

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2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. SF Open Tournament

Inaugural of the S.F. Open Tournament was sponsored by Sutro and Company in conjunction with S.F. Recreation and Park Department. On March 16, Recreation and Park Department participated in the press conference to officially announce the inaugural of the S.F. Open Tournament to be held at Harding Park Golf Course, May 3-7, 1999. The purse is $100,000, with $20,000 given to the winner.

2. S.F. City Tournament

SF City Tournament began on February 24 with over 1,000 participants. Men, women and seniors are participating. Finals in all categories will take place on Sunday, March 28. The men's and women's championships will be decided on the afternoon of Sunday, March 28.

3. Golf Plan

The Department has finalized the sustainability plan for Golf Experience 2000 & Beyond. The plan includes the Department's goals and objectives, as well as the marketing strategies, capital improvements, and RFP considerations. On March 9, 1999 the plan was presented to the unions, and a proposal for a restructured golf program to Mayor Willie L. Brown on March 10. The proposal included the provision that City employees will be retained on the courses, and maintenance levels will be increased so as to attract a PGA tour event. Mayor Brown asked the Department to provide a market analysis to

determine the feasibility of our proposal. The draft report should be available by March 19.

4. Palace of Fine Arts

In January 1999, the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda was closed to the public because a piece of ornamental concrete fell from the structure. No one was injured. Because of the incident, the Department initiated an inspection of the Rotunda to see what caused the problem, and what corrective action needed to be taken. This project was administered by the DPW-Bureau of Engineering and performed by a private consultant.

The inspection has been completed, plans and specifications developed and the contract for rotunda repairs awarded. The repairs are expected to start soon, barring any unexpected delays, are expected to be completed by the end of April.

5.Corona Heights Dog Run

On March 5 the Corona Heights Off Leash Dog Run opened. The Department has installed irrigation, fencing and a dog fountain, as well as a completely renovated lawn area for dog owners to enjoy.

6. Athletic Division

League play will begin in the next couple of weeks for Adult Softball, Girls' Volleyball and Youth Baseball. Spring Athletic Day Camp for 7 to 10 years olds will be conducted at Kezar Pavilion/Stadium from Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. After-camp care is available from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. daily. The cost of the camp is $35, with after-camp care at $5 per day. Currently, there are 30 children enrolled.

7.Summer Day Camps

Brochures for the Summer 1999 Day Camps were sent out last week. Descriptions of the following camps are included in the brochure:

Silver Tree Camp
Pine Lake Camp
Athletic Day Camps (Novice and Teen)
Camp Gourmet
Pacific Art Camp
Randall Museum Camp
Earth and Art Camp
Mather Youth Camp
Art in the Park
Drawing in the Museums and the Park

The majority of the camps will begin on June 21, 1999.

8. Herz Playground

On March 13 the Department was pleased to celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at Herz Playground in Visitacion Valley. Two play areas have been renovated

in this frequently used park. Members of the Community and Mayor Willie Brown cut the ribbon in two brief ceremonies. About 75 youth attended and enjoyed a picnic lunch following the ceremony.

9. Argonne Playground

On March 27 Argonne Playground will have their Easter celebration at Pioneer Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park. The festivities include a puppet show produced and performed by youth in grade kindergarten – fourth grade. The kids have worked really hard on this and have done a great job. Immediately following the show there will be an Easter Egg Hunt followed by a potluck luncheon.

10. Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 6, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 7, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 1, 1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** , seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES.NO. 9903-036
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 1999.

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9903-037
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572

Purchase From

Dar's Ark **2665 Higgins Canyon Road** **Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**	**One unknown sex blue-fronted Amazon parrot** **Purchase $812.00**

Sale To

Greenville Zoo
150 Cleveland Park Drive
Greenville, South Carolina 29601-9927

One male kookaburra
Sale $200.00
USDA 56-C-0009

C. HAYES VALLEY PLAYGROUND RES.NO. 9903-038
APPROVAL OF PERMIT AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Permit Agreement between the Neighborhood House Association and the Recreation and Park Department to operate a Head Start Program at Hayes Valley Playground.

D. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS RES. NO. 9903-039
APPROVAL OF FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the 1999 Field Maintenance Agreement between the San Francisco Giants and the Recreation and Park Department.

E. JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA RES. NO. 9903-040
APPROVAL OF THE RENOVATION PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve the renovation plan for Japantown Peace Plaza.

F. JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA RES. NO. 9903-041
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID TO AMAN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $167,470 FOR DEMOLITION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of bid to Aman Environmental Construction, Inc. in the amount of $167,470 for the demolition of Japantown Peace Plaza.

G. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE RES. NO. 9903-042
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,119,570 FROM THE DOWNTOWN PARK FUND FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing the appropriation of an amount not to exceed $1,119,570 from the Downtown Park Fund for the continued development of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space.

H. VOLUME SERVICES AT 3COM PARK RES. NO. 9903-043
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE FOR SPECIFIED CONCESSION ITEMS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in price for certain concession items offered by Volume Services at 3Com Park at Candlestick Point for the 1999 baseball season.

I. CELEBRATION OF CESAR CHAVEZ DAY RES. NO. 9903-044
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request for an Amplified Sound Permit at t the "Celebration of Cesar Chavez Day" rally at Potrero del Sol "La Raza Park" on Saturday April 10, 1999.

J. SAN FRANCISCO JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL "BLACK RODEO" RES.NO. 9903-045
APPROVAL OF RODEO TO BE HELD AT BERCUT EQUITATION FIELD
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Juneteenth Festival "Black Rodeo" to be held at Bercut Equitation Field in Golden Gate Park on Friday, June 18, from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

K. FAY PARK RES. NO. 9903-046
APPROVAL OF GARDEN GUIDELINES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Fay Park Guidelines pertaining to the operation of the garden area only.

L. SKATEBOARD SAFETY ORDINANCE RES. NO. 9903-047
APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the submittal of an ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

M. DUBOCE PARK RES. NO. 9903-048
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan for the: 1) renovation of a play area on Duboce Avenue, 2) removal of a restroom building on Duboce Avenue; and 3) replacement of a play area on Scott Street with a labyrinth.

N. ALAMO SQUARE RES. NO. 9903-049
APPROVAL OF A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for playground renovation.

O. FILLMORE/TURK MINI PARK RES. NO. 9903-050
APPROVAL OF STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve streetscape improvements to be implemented by the Redevelopment Agency for Fillmore/Turk Mini Park.

P. JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA RES. NO. 9903-051
APPROVAL OF USE OF PIAZZA AND RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT GIFTS SPONSORING THE PROGRAM
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the use of Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza for performances from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M., one day a week, from May through October and urging the Board of Supervisors to accept gifts sponsoring this program.

Q. SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM RES. NO. 9903-052
APPROVAL OF 1999-2000 FIVE-YEAR PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program 1999-2000 Five Year Plan.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. JURI COMMONS
APPROVAL OF TWO MURALS
Discussion and possible action to approve two murals at Juri Commons.

Juri Commons Mini Park is located in the Mission District on Guerrero Street near 26th Street. In June of 1998, the Recreation and Park Commission approved an improvement plan for Juri Commons Mini Park that included landscape improvements, a bulletin board and replacement of two murals.

Since the approval of the improvement plan, the Southwest Mission Neighborhood Association has been working with the community on new designs for the murals. The murals proposed by the community have an historic context to the site.

The mural adjacent to the play area is proposed to depict an animated train and cabooses in reference to the historic use of the site as a railroad right-of-way. Local residents would have an opportunity to have their faces painted as part of the mural. The use of bright colors and an animated composition of the proposed mural would be appropriate with the active nature of the play area.

The other mural is proposed to be situated in the more secluded and intimate area of the park and to depict a peaceful and natural setting with a cultural reference to the Ohlone Indians who

had once inhabited the area. The snake illustration is proposed to contain an American Indian poem attributed to Chief Seattle.

The murals would be rendered with acrylic on masonite panels. Execution would be led by experienced muralist working with local residents and students form Catherine Michaels School, Horace Mann Elementary School and the Mission Cultural Center.

Ellen Moriaty and Kathleen Keefe spoke in support of this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Flunder**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9903-053

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve of two murals at Juri Commons.

6. **FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM
Discussion and presentation only by The Friends of Recreation and Parks on the Neighborhood Grant Program.

Donna Ernstson, Executive Director of Friends of Recreation and Parks (Friends) presented this item to the Commission. She stated that Friends does a lot of capital project fundraising and a lot of community program fundraising and try and focus programs that can work throughout the City. One thing that Friends has found is that it is a lot more difficult to do fundraising for neighborhood parks than it is for Golden Gate Park.

Two years ago Friends established a Neighborhood Grant Program with the idea that Friends would offer small amounts of funding – between $1,000 and $10,000 to community groups that have ideas to improve their neighborhood parks either physically or programmatically. There are several elements that groups are required to meet within this. Friends sends out very broad requests for proposals and also advertise this so they attract as many types of groups throughout the City.

Some of the requirements are: 1) must be an improvement on a neighborhood park, 2) some type of match to the funds Friends put into it (volunteer hours, etc.), 3) must engage the community which surrounds the park and 4) good model of a working relationship with the Department.

To date Friends has dedicated approximately $150,000.

A number of the projects have been completed and a number are in the process of being completed.

Mike Nicoson spoke on the different types of projects around the City and what some of the effects of those have been one being the Juri Commons project.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernestine Weiss requested information on off-leash dogs and spoke on the Mid-Embarcadero Project and Lots 202 and 203.

Phillip Carlton spoke on the bison and the zoo.

11. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 741st Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

SAN FRANCISCO

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

742nd Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 742nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene L. Friend
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
William P. Getty

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1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Before giving his report, President Salinas acknowledged the presence of Jacqueline Barsh, the Budget Director for the Recreation and Park Department. He thanked her for all of her hard work and wished her well in her new job at the Gap.

Update on Franklin Field Restroom
At a Parks and Planning meeting the committee was informed that a project that had been undertaken by the Department fell short of the mark in that there is an athletic field that did not have a restroom facility. Since then, the Mayor's office has informed the Commission that they had been working on trying to get a facility at Franklin Field. Because of the Mayor's efforts, JC Decoux will be installing a restroom at the corner of 16th and Bryant. This is a partial solution and the Department will continue to work on getting a restroom.

Sunnyside Park
Commissioner Salinas had the opportunity and privilege to meet with Friends of Sunnyside Park. He stated how impressed he was with what Neighborhood groups can do to improve the parks. Sunnyside Park has a monthly volunteer work party and that, in conjunction with the staff the Department has working at that park continues to improve the park by leaps and bounds. He thanked the Friends of Sunnyside Park.

Soccer Meeting
He reported on a four hour meeting held with representatives of the soccer associations on the use of different fields for soccer practice, specifically those in Golden Gate Park . The meeting ultimately culminated with the General Manager and his staff coming up with four new fields for use for soccer practice. He commended Joel Robinson and his staff for their efforts.

Fay Park
Commissioner Salinas met with Fay Park neighbors and Park Patrol. The Commission was informed that neighbors were concerned that since the property was vacant and unattended, it obviously attracted people who could potentially be problems for the neighborhood. Since the meeting, there has been and will

continue to be an increased presence of the park patrol at that site. In addition he reported that the Department is in the process of securing security technology that hopefully will alleviate the concerns of the neighborhood.

Community Meeting
President Salinas announced that the Park and Recreation Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Planning Committee of the Commission will hold a joint meeting on May 18th in the evening at the Marina Middle School on harbor issues.

Garfield Park
He had the opportunity to meet with parents of Garfield Park to work out a solution of the basketball court. This item will be heard on calendar today.

Camp Mather
He thanked the staff that put on the April 11th event on the 75th anniversary of Camp Mather. Specifically, Susan, Paul and Claudia for having taken on put on such great event.

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Laguna - Page Mini Park
April brings several activities to the Recreation and Park Department. The renovations at Laguna-Page Mini Park are complete and the Park was dedicated on April 10.

Camp Mather 75th Anniversary
as most of you know, Camp Mather turns 75 this year as a family camp. There have been a couple of celebrations including a call for photos in November where people gathered to tell their camp stories and lend old photographs for display. On Sunday, April 11, a barbecue picnic was sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Parks at Stern Grove to unveil the history project and again share anecdotes and memories of camp. Reservations for the 1999 season are in full swing and we expect a full house again this year.

10th and Fulton in Golden Gate Park
April 21st will be the dedication of the newly renovated play area at 10th and Fulton in Golden Gate Park. We expect children from surrounding schools to participate. Mayor Brown will be on hand to cut the ribbon and officially open the playground.

Earth Day
April 22nd is Earth Day, and San Francisco Recreation and Park Department have been asked to participate in a statewide tree planting sponsored by the governor's office.

Crocker Amazon Soccer Field
April 24th marks the dedication of Crocker Amazon's brand new soccer field. This will be the first day of play on the renovated field. The Police Athletic League will have games scheduled throughout the day and again, Mayor Brown will be hand to officially open the new field.

National Arbor Day
April 30th is National Arbor Day. San Francisco has been named "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Department is celebrating with a full day of activities at Palega Playground. There will be tree plantings and an array of educational stations, staffed by gardeners, to teach the children about the form and function of trees and how important trees are in our every day life.

Jackson Playground
May 1st marks the dedication of the newly renovated Jackson Playground. This is an event that is spearheaded by neighborhood parents whose children participate in the programs at Jackson.

Tori Gate

A preliminary structural investigation has started on the Tori Gate at the Japanese Tea Garden. Visual inspection of the structure confirms dry rot at the main structural columns and shifting out of plumb of the structure. The maintenance yard staff will take periodic measurements of the structure to monitor any further movement. The structural engineer will provide design drawings for a temporary bracing system to preclude further movement.

Giants Opening Day

April 8th marked the last Opening Day for the San Francisco Giants at 3Com Park, and in spite of rain, sleet and snow, the Opening Day was a great success both on and off the field. Pre-game activities captured both the history and the festivities of the day. The festivities included introducing Willie Mays, Orlando Cepeda and current players, as well as a dramatic National Anthem featuring an exhibition of military aircraft and "bombs bursting in air". In anticipation of the Opening Season, staff resodded the baseball field to ensure that the 56,000 fans and the Giants organization, enjoyed a pristine stadium and ballpark on Opening Day. The handicapped conversion is 95% completed, with a projected completion date of May 3, 1999.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Motion by Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Newhouse Segal that all items with the exception of item C and E of Consent Calendar be adopted.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **RES. NO. 9904-054**

Resolved, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 1999.

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **RES. NO. 9904-055**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Resolved, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572

Purchase From

John Banks **P.O. Box 235** **Lorena, TX 76655**	**6 female squirrel monkeys** **Purchase $7,500.00**
Tautphaus Zoo **P.O. Box 50220** **Idaho Falls, ID 83405-0220**	**2 female Barrow's goldeneye (ducks)** **Purchase $200.00/pair** **USDA 82-C-0005**

C. GLEN PARK ROPES COURSE AGREEMENTS
APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE OPERATION OF THE ADVENTURES ROPES COURSE AT GLEN CANYON PARK

Discussion and possible action to approve a revocable use permit with the San Francisco Unified School District and a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Police Department to continue operation of the Adventures Ropes Course at Glen Canyon Park.

This item was removed from the consent calendar and heard as a separate item.

D. SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS RES. NO. 9904-056
APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,574.00
Resolved, that this Commission does approve a retroactive rent credit in the amount of $9,574.00 to the San Francisco Forty Niners for various expenses.

E. KEZAR PARKING LOT
APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT TO U.S. PARKING INC.
Discussion and possible action to approve the award for the Management Agreement for the operation of Kezar Parking Lot to U.S. Parking Inc.

This item was removed from the consent calendar and heard as a separate item.

F. DOLPHIN CLUB RES. NO. 9904-057
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE DOLPHIN SWIMMING AND BOATING CLUB TO EXERCISE A 24-YEAR OPTION
Resolved, that this Commission does approve the request from the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club to exercise a 24-year option.

G. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9904-058
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE CAMP ACADEMY PROGRAM AT PEPPERWOOD NATURE PRESERVE, JUNE 22–24, 1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve an overnight trip to the Camp Academy Program at Pepperwood Nature Preserve, June 22–24, 1999.

H. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9904-059
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE CAMP ACADEMY PROGRAM AT UC DAVIS' BODEGA MARINE LAB, JUNE 15-18, 1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve an overnight trip to the Camp Academy Program at UC Davis' Bodega Marine Lab, June 15–18, 1999.

I. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9904-060
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE CAMP ACADEMY PROGRAM IN THE HIGH SIERRA "SIERRA ECOLOGY BACKPACKING TRIP", JULY 12-16, 1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve an overnight trip to the High Sierra "Sierra Ecology Backpacking Trip", July 12–16, 1999.

J. PROJECT INSIGHT RES. NO. 9904-061
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT RIVER RAFTING TRIP, JULY 25-31,1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve the Project Insight, Cultural Division overnight river rafting trip July 25-31, 1999.

K. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9904-062
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING CAMP IN BIG SUR, AUGUST 16-20, 1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve an overnight backpacking camp in Big Sur, August 16-20, 1999.

L. RANDALL MUSEUM RES. NO. 9904-063
APPROVAL OF MATHER EARTH ADVENTURE CAMPS, JULY 19-23, 1999
Resolved, that this Commission does approve Randall Museum's Mather Earth Adventure Camps from July 19-23, 1999.

M. SUNNYSIDE PARK RES. NO. 9904-064
APPROVAL OF PARK CLOSURE HOURS
Resolved, that this Commission does approve the closure of Sunnyside Park from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

M. PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS RES. NO. 9904-065
APPROVAL FOR ESPN TO CONDUCT THE "STREET LUGE COMPETITION" AT THE GREAT HIGHWAY
Resolved, that this Commission does approve the Street Luge Competition at the Great Highway as part of the ESPN SUMMER X GAMES put on by WSPN Production, Inc. from June 22- 28, 1999.

N. PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS RES. NO. 9904-066
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM MECCA TO PRODUCE THE CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION AT JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA ON MAY 2, 1999 WITH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND SALES
Resolved, that this Commission does approve a request from MECCA to produce the "Cinco de Mayo Celebration", a one-day gated event at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on Sunday, May 2, 1999 with alcohol (beer and wine) consumption and sales.

O. PRECITA PARK RES. NO. 9904-067
APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL BENCH IN PRECITA PARK
Resolved, that this Commission does approve the placement of a memorial bench in Precita Park.

P. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 9904-068
APPROVAL TO MODIFY PDC STRUCTURE
Resolved, that this Commission does approve modification of PDC structure.

C. GLEN PARK ROPES COURSE AGREEMENTS
APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE OPERATION OF THE ADVENTURES ROPES COURSE AT GLEN CANYON PARK
Discussion and possible action to approve a revocable use permit with the San Francisco Unified School District and a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Police Department to continue operation of the Adventures Ropes Course at Glen Canyon Park.

The following people spoke of their concerns on this item: Karen Tiu and Jay Lee.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-069

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable use permit with the San Francisco Unified School District and a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Police Department to continue operation of the Adventures Ropes Course at Glen Canyon Park.

E. KEZAR PARKING LOT
APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT TO U.S. PARKING INC.
Discussion and possible action to approve the award for the Management Agreement for the operation of Kezar Parking Lot to U.S. Parking Inc.

The following people spoke in opposition to this item: Michael Smith, Mary Anne Miller and Pinky Kushner.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-070

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP FROM TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND TO DISNEYLAND MAY 14–16, 1999
Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight trip from the Tenderloin Children's Playground to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA May 14-16, 1999.

This item was presented by Don Mailloux, Recreation Director. During the year special events including a Halloween Carnival and Haunted House, Thanksgiving Dinner and Teen Talent Show, Christmas Party, Easter Party and a Kid's Festival are organized. The success of these activities has always been assured by the active and enthusiastic participation of our teens and pre-teens, volunteers. This trip is offered as a reward for their enthusiasm and good will. The trip is planned for the weekend of May 14 to May 16. If the trip is approved, participants will leave by bus late Friday night, travel all night, arrive early Sunday morning and spend the day at Disneyland. They will return by bus at 10:00 p.m. that night and arrive in San Francisco early Sunday morning. Lunch and supper money will be provided. The participants will be chosen based on consistency of participation and maturity to handle an overnight trip. There will be staff supervising.

Commissioner Friend offered to contribute $250.00 for the participants and **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** matched his contribution.

On motion of **Commissioner Flunder**, seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following motion was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-071

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight trip from the Tenderloin Children's Playground to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA May 14-16, 1999.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF DETERMINATION THAT THE FLEISHHACKER POOL SITE BE ANNEXED TO THE ZOO AND USED FOR ZOO PURPOSES
Discussion and possible action to approve determination that the Fleishhacker Pool site be annexed to the Zoo and used for Zoo purposes.

This item was presented by David Anderson, San Francisco Zoo Director. He stated that Section 3.2 and 3.2 (a) of the San Francisco Zoo Lease and Management Agreement prescribes that the parcel of land known as the Fleishhacker Pool Site be annexed to the Zoo when the Recreation and Park Commission determines that such transfer was appropriate. The area comprises approximately 15 acres. Use of that site for Oceanside Treatment and Infrastructure staging is coming to an end. The development of that site as the new Zoo entrance in accordance with the Zoo Master Plan is about to be initiated. The San Francisco Zoological Society Board of Directors agrees to treat this site under the same conditions as premises of zoo.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-072

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve determination that the Fleishhacker Pool site be annexed to the Zoo and used for Zoo purposes.

Items 7 and 7 (a) were presented as one item but voted on seperately.

7. **SPEEDWAY MEADOW AND KEZAR TRIANGLE**
APPROVAL TO USE FOR GROUND SPORTS
Discussion and possible action to use Speedway Meadow and Kezar Triangle in Golden Gate Park for ground sports.

7a. ALICE CHALMERS, CAYUGA, ST. MARY'S AND SUNSET PLAYGROUNDS APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC FIELDS AS MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELDS, INCLUDING SOCCER PRACTICE FACILITIES
Discussion and possible action to approve Alice Chalmers, Cayuga, St. Mary's and Sunset Playgrounds Athletic fields as multi-use athletic fields, including soccer practice facilities, through the Department's Existing athletic permit system.

This item was presented by Dan McKenna. The soccer community has requested that the Department identify specific locations throughout the City, including the meadows of Golden Gate Park, for soccer practice facilities. Given the tremendous demand for such facilities, the Department has reviewed all available locations and made specific recommendations.

Staff recommended that Golden Gate Park's meadow not be identified as dedicated soccer practice facilities. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan mandates that the Park be maintained as s "sylvan and pastoral retreat". The meadows within the Park were not designed as athletic fields. These open areas within forested landscapes were designed for both active and passive recreational activities. Additionally, the meadows within the Park generally have very poor drainage and have high existing usage. Athletic fields require intense management and the Department's finite resources prohibit these meadows from becoming true athletic fields.

Therefore, staff has identified four existing athletic fields that are currently not utilized for soccer practices and according to staff can incorporate soccer practices. Those fields are located at Alice Chalmers, Cayuga, St. Mary's and Sunset Playgrounds. These locations were identified in conjunction with the Ground Sport Advisory committee.

The Department's athletic Permit Division will issue permits at these facilities for use by organized soccer teams to conduct practices. The Permit Division will also attempt to address the desires of both the softball and soccer communities when issuing permits for these facilities. However, as with any the athletic field, maintenance needs and inclement weather will occasionally force the closure of these fields. Staff believes these locations will help address the intense demand of the soccer community for safe and assessable recreational facilities.

Staff recommends that item number 7 be denied as permitted activities and establishment of those areas as athletic fields as opposed to the informal use and that item number 7a be approved.

Alex Romo, Marcos Estebez, Libby Rappolt, Granger Tripp, Cary Jones, Scott Golde, and Andy Solow stated their concerns on these items and on soccer facilities in general.

Chris Duderstadt spoke in support of item number 7a but stated concerns about the maintenance of the Meadows.

Through a question of **Commissioner Flunder** asking if a field was available for micro soccer only, staff made a recommendation that the field adjacent to the children's playground in Golden Gate Park be used for this purpose.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-073

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the staff recommendation to deny item number seven as permitted activities and not allow the establishment of those areas as athletic fields.

On motion of Commissioner Newhouse Segal, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-074

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Alice Chalmers, Cayuga, St. Mary's and Sunset Playgrounds Athletic fields as multi-use athletic fields, including soccer practice facilities, through the Department's Existing athletic permit system and with the amendment that the field adjacent to the children's playground in Golden Gate Park be designated for micro soccer use only.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS**
APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING CONTRACT
Discussion and possible action to approve modifications to the existing contract with SLUG to: 1) increase the contract amount from $650,000 to $1,450,000, 2) modify the language under Item 30 of the original contract to allow SLUG to subcontract, 3) modify the scope of work identified under "Recitals" to include a Bay Trails program and 4) extend the contract period through FY 2004-5.

This item was presented by Marvin Lee. In December of 1998, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Public Works (DI W) to accept and expend a $236, 328 grant form the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) for improvements to the Bay Trail. Up to $77,280 will be used on park lands under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department at India Basin Shoreline Park and India Basin Open Space through which a portion of the Bay Trail traverses. Other portions of the Bay Trail are under the jurisdiction of DPW and the Port. The ABAG grant must be expended by the end of November 1999.

The ABAG Bay Trail grant requires the participation of various non-profits, including the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), the San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) and the California Conservation Corps (CCC). To utilize the services of the non- profit organizations, the City must have a contract.

Currently, the Recreation and Park Department has a 5-year contract with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) for the total amount of $650,000 to provide a community garden program to the citizens of San Francisco. The 5-year contract began in FY1997-98 and expires on FY2002-03. To facilitate the expenditure of the ABAG grant, the Recreation and Park Department is proposing to modify its existing contract with SLUG, who would act as a prime contractor to involve other non-profit organizations as sub-contractors.

In addition, the Recreation and Park department recommends an increase in funding for the community gardens program by $563, 672 to meet the demands for new community gardens and maintenance for established community gardens throughout the City, and to extend the contract period by two years through FY2004-05.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-075

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve modifications to the existing contract with SLUG to: 1) increase the contract amount from $650,000 to $1,450,000, 2) modify the language under Item 30 of the original contract to allow SLUG to subcontract, 3) modify the scope of work identified under "Recitals" to include a Bay Trails program and 4) extend the contract period through FY 2004-5.

9. **MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR**
APPROVAL OF SUSPENSION OF THE TWO-WAIVER RULE FOR EXTERNAL WAIT LIST FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR
Discussion and possible action to suspend the "two-waiver" rule for the External Wait List for the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

Mike Morlin , Assistant Superintendent, Northern Division presented this item to the Commission. The San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor currently has two Wait Lists for permanent berths. The Internal Wait List consists of applicants who were tenants at the time of their request to be placed on the Wait List. The External Wait List consists of applicants who were not tenants at the time of their application. Any applicant who applied for the Wait List after October of 1992 was place on the External Wait List regardless of their tenancy at the San Francisco Marina.

The current procedure is if an External Wait List applicant refuses a berth on two subsequent assignment Opportunities, that applicant will be moved to the end of the Wait List for his/her requested berth size. Because the External Wait List also consists of tenants who wish to obtain a more "desirable" berth than than they are currently occupying, many are waiving the berths offered trough our current assignment process.

Many applicants have expressed their concerns regarding this "two-waiver" rule. A survey of the External Wait List applicants reveals that the majority believe it is unfair to be placed at the end of the Wait List after two refusals of berths offered. They deem this rule to be unjust, because they feel that they are being penalized by either having to accept a "less desirable" berth or be relegated to the bottom of the Wait List.

On the basis of the results of the survey, staff recommends that the "two-waiver" rule be suspended for the applicants on the External Wait List. Therefore, External Wait List applicants like the Internal Wait List applicants exempt from the "two-waiver" rule, will be able to retain their precedence dates until an offered berth is accepted.

On motion of **Commissioner Flunder**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-076

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the suspension of the "two-waiver" rule for the External Wait List for the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor.

10. **GARFIELD SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF A HALF-COURT BASKETBALL AREA
Discussion and possible action to approve a half-court basketball area at Garfield Square.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** this item was tabled.

The following people spoke on this item: Glenda Powell, Erin Buckler, Al Mattocks,Yvonne Pacheco, Nancy Patino, Elizabeth Sullivan, Daniel Frattin, Connie Ramirez Weber, Marie Schodey, Audrey Barrett, Marybeth Wallace and Alex Romo.

11. **WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK**
SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LANDMARK DESIGNATION
Discussion and possible action to support the proposed landmark designation of Washington Square Park.

Staff stated that Washington Square is historically significant in its landscape and its surrounding San Francisco Streets. The landmarks Preservation Advisory Board has directed the Planning Department to prepare a proposal for the landmark designation of Washington Square Park. On February 1, 1999 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 84-99 "urging the Planning Department, Planning Commission, Arts Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board to expeditiously designate Washington Square a Landmark."

The matter require no action by the Recreation and Park Commission to go forward, however, the Planning Department hopes that the Recreation and Park Commission will go on record in support the proposed landmark designation.

Staff recommended support of the proposed landmark designation.

Aaron Peskin spoke in support of this item. Patricia Vaughney on grants available for historical landmarks.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904-077

RESOLVED, That this Commission does support the proposed landmark designation of Washington Square Park.

12. **LAKE MERCED**
PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ON WATER LEVEL
Discussion and presentation only by the Public Utilities Commission on the water level at Lake Merced.

The Public Utilities Commission briefed the Commission. Working closely with staff on this issue for the past two years. What is happening has not happened overnight but has taken decades. Originally this was opened to the ocean and was not a lake.

The PUC is currently in negotiations with the City of Daly City to divert storm water from Daly City to the Lark. The negotiations should conclude by the end of this year. The project is anticipated to be completed in the year 2000 and will increase the water from its current level of 19.1 feet to a target level between 24 and 26 feet. However, the effects of this will not be noticeable until the summer of 2001.

13. **LAKE MERCED**
APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKE MERCED BOATING AND FISHING CONCESSION
Discussion and possible action to approve the lease terms for a new Lease Agreement for the Lake Merced Boating and Fishing Concession.

This item was presented by Aleda dela Cruz. The current lease for the Lake Merced Boating and Fishing Concession commenced on December 1, 1986 and will terminate on April 30, 1999. Staff received notice from the current lessee, Urban Parks Concessionaires, of its intent to vacate the premises.

During the early years of the lease, Lake Merced was one of the most popular trout fisheries in Northern California. Fishing and boating activities thrived as the Lake. In the early 1990's, water levels in the Lake dropped dramatically, upsetting the ecological balance. The Lake consequently suffers as a result of ongoing problems from blue-green algae, rampant tulles growth and migratory bird predation. Due to conditions at the Lake, per the amended terns if the current lease, the lessee has not been required to pay any rent to the Department since 1994 unless gross receipts exceed $275,000. The lessee maintains that l has experienced substantial operating losses since 1994.

In examining the situation the situation at the Lake, the short term goal for staff has been to develop a plan to continue to provide recreational services in a way that is economically viable for a third party concessionaire. In the long term, staff must continue to coordinate efforts with the Public Utilities Commission, which has jurisdiction over the water, to improve the Lake and the area surrounding the Lake, including the recreational opportunities and supporting amenities.

Department staff recently met with a representative from the PUC to discuss the water levels and water quality at the Lake. The PUC is currently in negotiations with the City of Daly City to divert storm water from Daly City to the Lake. The negotiations should conclude by the end of this year. The project is anticipated to be completed in the year 2000 and will increase the water from its current level of 19.1 feet to a target level between24 and 26 feet. However, the effects of this will not be noticeable until the summer of the year 2001. Included in the project, is a plan to improve the circulation of water. Increase water levels and improved circulation will reduce the problem of blue-green algae in the water. In conjunction with this project, staff will coordinate efforts with the PUC to harvest the tulles.

Staff has had preliminary discussions with some parties interested in operating the Fishing and Boating Concession at the Lake. However, due to the existing environmental conditions, the dock and pier improvements needed at the Lake, and the amount of initial investment required to operate this concession, those parties were not interested in pursuing an agreement at this time.

In the interim, staff is recommending a 37- month lease with the operator of the Boathouse Restaurant, Mr. Chor Lee. If approved, the new lease will commence May 1, 1999 and terminate simultaneously with the Boathouse Restaurant lese, which ends May 31, 1999. The lessee of the Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant approached staff and expressed an interest in taking over the Boating and Fishing Concession.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray,** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9904- 079

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the lease terms for a new Lease Agreement for the Lake Merced Boating and Fishing Concession subject to further negotiations specific to an 18 month review or buyout clause with the potential lessee and contingent upon Commissioner Chin's approval of such and contingent upon the City Attorney's review of the bankruptcy which was filed by the potential lessee.

RANDALL MUSEUM
PRESENTATION OF RANDALL MUSEUM SURVEY REPORT
Discussion and presentation only of Randall Museum Survey Report.

This item was taken off calendar and put over until the May 20, 1999 meeting.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this matter.

Chris Duderstadt spoke on Guinness Fleahd, Patricia Vaughney and Janette Barraca spoke on the Exploratorium and Reola Freeman spoke on the green fees for juniors and seniors.

16. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 742nd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

SAN FRANCISCO

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

743rd Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 20, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 743rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 2:10 p.m. by Vice President Gordon Chin.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Eugene Friend
William P. Getty
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
Jim Salinas, Sr.
Yvette Flunder

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2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Commissioner Chin explained that Commission Salinas had several items of which he had planned on reporting, but was unable to attend. He requested that Tom Fox give a brief presentation to the Commission.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Park Renaissance Crusade

Mayor Brown recently announced a Park Renaissance Crusade that will take place over the next year. The Crusade is a seven point plan that will jump start the restoration and revitalization of our system. As part of this Crusade, an additional $1 million dollars with be made available to the Department for capital improvements, one half is to be spent immediately and the other half to be distributed in September. The initial $500,000 will be spent on the following projects that were selected using the criteria outlined below:

Projects were decided based on safety issues, information gathered from a survey that was sent to over 300,000 water bill recipients in 1998, as well as from an ongoing Assessment Project that has taken place over the last year. In addition to these community outreach tools there is tremendous community support for these projects through neighborhood/advisory committees that are already in place surrounding the parks.

Duboce Park (irrigation system) - A neighborhood group called Friends of Duboce Park has recently become extremely active. They have gathered huge support through such events as landscape design and planting days. In order to support this effort, it is imperative that the appropriate irrigation system be in place so that the flower beds designed and planted by the community will thrive.

Ocean View (replace metal panel w/security glass, install lighting and increase landscaping and irrigation) - One of the most frequently-heard complaints about our recreation centers is that they appear to be too

institutional in design. Requests have been made to replace the security grills with safety glass in order to provide a more inviting atmosphere. In addition, a frequent request is made to install lighting to provide additional security.

Argonne Playground (replace security grill with safety glass) - Again this addresses the complaint of that recreation centers are not inviting and look very institutional.

Hilltop Park (irrigation, landscaping and sundial restoration) - This park is located in the Bayview Hunter's Point neighborhood and contains the largest sundial in North America. Renovation of this landmark would be a boost for the community as a whole as well as provide an important asset to the entire City. In order to support increased landscaping we must install new irrigation.

South Park (Landscape improvements) - This park is located South of Market and has the support of newly developed housing. With increased residents and limited green space in the South of Market area these landscape improvements will be of great benefit to the community.

Alamo Square (repair asphalt pathways) - Pathways in this park have deteriorated over time from heavy use. The repair of these pathways includes regrading, and providing alternate traffic patterns so that the asphalt won't become damaged again. This is an eyesore.

Chinese Playground (resurface basketball courts) - This is a heavily used recreation area with a small clubhouse, two play areas and roof top basketball courts. With open space at a premium in Chinatown this center receives heavy use from the youth in the neighborhood. There is a community petition supporting this improvement.

Hayes Valley Playground (resurface outdoor play area i.e. basketball, tennis) - This park is heavily used. It is near the newly rebuilt housing project. In the redesign of housing in the area there are no provisions for outdoor space. This hardscape provides one of the only recreational activities in the immediate area.

Eureka Valley Field (renovate youth athletic field) - This center is heavily used by both youth and adults in the Eureka Valley neighborhood. There is a strong parent advocacy group supporting this project. This field is also heavily used by a local school.

Upper Noe Valley Field (renovate youth athletic field) - Again this center is heavily used by families in this neighborhood. There has been an increase in youth over the last few years and the field must be renovated to provide a safe, clean athletic environment.

Little Rec. Ball Diamond Area (renovate field for Micro Soccer) - At a recent Recreation and Park Commission meeting the soccer community came out in force. Micro Soccer is an introductory version of soccer for youth 5-7 years old. This field has been designated for Micro Soccer and will provide hours of enjoyment to the estimated 1,100 Micro Soccer players in the City.

St. Mary's Park (dog park area) - Dog run areas are at an all time premium in the City. This project has tremendous community support as well as support citywide by the dog owners. It is seen as a model of community spirit and support.

Citywide Recreation Council

On Saturday, June 12 1999, the Citywide Recreation Council and the Department will host a day long "Citywide Recreation Gathering". The purpose of the event will be to convene, free of charge, a variety of interests, including parents, youth, young adults, seniors, representatives from community based organizations, sports leagues, art and culture groups, schools, public officials and community advocates, to build advocacy for recreation programs and services. It will be a fun filled, engaging day of workshops, creative play and other activities in cooperation with the San Francisco Zoo. Findings from the Department's year long assessment project will be presented at the event.

Players West Golf Tournament at Harding Park

The Players West Tournament is a women's minor tour tournament that will take place October 24 – 27, 1999. The Pro-Am event will be held on October 24 with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The sponsors will pay $7,158 in green fees for this portion of the tournament. On October 25 and 26 the tournament will be held from 7:00 a.m. until noon. The final round will be held from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m. The sponsors will pay $5,657 in green fees for the aforementioned times. The total fees will be equal to or exceed fees normally realized for this period of time.

Strybing Arboretum Society – Closure of Main Gates

The Strybing Arboretum Society will hold a fund raiser on May 25 entitled "Garden Feast" at the main entry garden. This will necessitate the closure of the main gates for two days, May 24 and 25. Staff will post notices for the public regarding access to the Arboretum via the Friend Gate.

Commending Captain Richard Hom

I would like to especially commend the work of Captain Richard Hom, of Richmond Police Station. His tireless work within Golden Gate Park and numerous parks within his station's jurisdiction have dramatically improved our parks' safety. His dedication, initiative, and professionalism have allowed the parks to once again become a safe and enjoyable experience for our citizenry. Captain Hom's work and cooperation with my staff have allowed the citizens of San Francisco to once again enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities our parks provide. His dedication in maintaining a police presence within Golden Gate Park is especially appreciated. Without Captain Hom's support, our efforts would not be as effective or as successful. Please join me in commending Captain Hom and officially noting his work within our parks.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Japantown Peace Plaza

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Japantown Peace Plaza was held on Tuesday, May 4, 1999. Mayor Willie L. Brown unveiled a sign depicting the project plans to a large crowd of community people. The clergy from the Konko Church in Japantown blessed the project, which is scheduled to begin in July.

Discovery Kit Program

The Friends of Recreation and Parks have developed an educational program in tandem with the San Francisco Unified School District, which encourages teachers to utilize parks as outdoor classrooms. The project, entitled the "Discovery Kit" program, has brought thousands of school children into our parks.

Summer Day Camp Program

Over 900 confirmation letters were mailed to children who are enrolled for the summer day camp program. On Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Stern Grove Spring Festival, the public had an opportunity to register youngsters for any day camps that still have openings.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, June 1, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, June 2, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 3, 1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES. NO. 9905-082

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 1999.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 9905-083

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept of the following gifts valued at $59,860.00 from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. **From San Francisco Orchid Society, $3,000.00 for the Plant Fund**
2. **From US Croquet Association, Northern California, $2,500.00 for Park Maintenance**
3. **From Mr. and Mrs. Sol Silverman, $1,000.00 for Bridle Paths**
4. **From Roger D. Kleid, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club fund**
5. **From Peter W. Applegate, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Fund**
6. **From High Speed Productions, Inc., $1,500.00 for the Special Needs Fund**
7. **From The Michelson Foundation, $10,000.00 for Project Insight**
8. **From Noel E. Frelicot, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Fund**
9. **From The George H. Sandy Foundation, $4,000.00 for Project Insight**
10. **From The Zellerbach Family Fund, $5,000.00 for the Teen Advisory Council**
11. **From The Lisa K. Long Trust, $6,360.00 for Project Insight**
12. **From Mineko Gallic, $2,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Account**
13. **From the Dolphin Club Fund at the San Francisco Foundation, $1,500.00 for the Garfield Youth Swim Team**
14. **From an Anonymous Donor, $20,000.00 for Teen Recreation Programs**

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY — RES. NO. 9905-084

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572

Donation From

Marcela Estes **1114 ½ Tennessee Street** **San Francisco, CA 94107**	**1 female African Hedgehog** **Donation**
CA Domestic Ferret Assn. **P.O. Box 1868** **Healdsburg, CA 95448**	**1 female European Ferret** **Donation**
Steinhart Aquarium **Golden Gate Park** **San Francisco, CA 94132**	**1 male, 1 female fresh Water Sting Rays** **2 Unknown Sex Plecostomus (fish)** **Donation**

Purchase From

Hatari Enterprises P.O. Box 510 Portal, AZ 85632	VietNam Centipedes, African Mantids, Brown Recluse Spiders, Beetles Purchase $250.00
Safari Enterprises P.O. Box 1556 Cerrville, TX 78029	6 Female Blackbuck (antelope) Purchase $1,500/herd

Donation To

San Antonio Zoo 3903 No. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78212	2 female Trumpeter Swans Donation USDA # - 74-C-0080

D. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9905-085
APPROVAL OF THREE OVERNIGHT TRIPS FOR ARGONNE PLAYGROUND TEENS, YOUTH AND FAMILIES 1) TO LASSEN NATIONAL PARK, 2) AN ASTRONOMY CAMPING TRIP TO A LOCAL STATE PARK AND 3) TO POINT REYES HOSTEL
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve three overnight trips for Argonne Playground to 1) Lassen National Park August 3-6, 1999 2)) an astronomy camping trip to Diablo State Park on July 23, 1999 and 3) to Point Reyes Hostel September 24-26, 1999.

E. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, PROJECT INSIGHT RES. NO. 9905-086
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ENCHANTED HILLS CAMP IN NAPA
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight camping trip for 8-10 teens, who are blind and visually impaired, to Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa, during the first week of August, 1999.

F. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, PROJECT INSIGHT RES. NO. 9905-087
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CAMP MATHER
RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight trip for 12 teens who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Camp Mather August 17-21, 1999.

G. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, PROJECT INSIGHT RES. NO. 9905-088
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CAMP MATHER
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight trip for 15 Deaf teens, ages 14-18, to Camp Mather, August 9-14, 1999.

H. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, PROJECT INSIGHT RES. NO. 9905-089
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight overnight trip for 15-20 Deaf children to Samuel P. Taylor State Park, August 18-20, 1999.

I. MIDTOWN TERRACE RES. NO. 9905-090
APPROVAL OF MURAL TO BE PLACED IN FRONT OF THE CLUBHOUSE BUILDING
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a mural to be placed in front of the clubhouse building at Midtown Terrace.

J. KEZAR PARKING LOT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT RES. NO. 9905-091
APPROVAL OF CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION OF PARKING RATE SCHEDULE IN BID PACKAGE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the correction/clarification of Parking Rate Schedule (Exhibit B) in the bid package for the Kezar Parking Lot Management Agreement.

K. MARINA KIOSK BID RES. NO. 9905-092
APPROVAL OF A SEVEN-YEAR LEASE WITH ALEX E. ROBLES AND ALEX J. ROBLES FOR OPERATION OF KIOSK
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a seven-year Lease with Alex E. Robles and Alex J. Robles for the operation of the Marina Green Kiosk.

L. PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS RES.NO. 9905-093
APPROVAL FOR ESPN TO CONDUCT THE "STREET LUGE COMPETITION" AT THE GREAT HIGHWAY AND ROAD CLOSURE OF SECTION OF GREAT HIGHWAY
RESOLVED, That this Commission does to approve the Street Luge Competition at the Great Highway as part of the ESPN SUMMER X GAMES put on by WSPN Production, Inc. from June 22- 28, 1999 and the road closure of the Great Highway from Point Lobos to Balboa.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, PROJECT INSIGHT
APPROVAL OF SLEEPOVER AT WAWONA CLUBHOUSE
Discussion and possible action to approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight sleepover for 8-10 children, who are Blind and Visually Impaired at Wawona Clubhouse.

Project Insight (PI) is the section of the Assisted Recreation Division serving children and teens who are blind, and visually-impaired. PI's program for children who are blind and visually impaired is conducted in collaboration with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse. Staff would like to have a sleepover for the participants. Currently, there are 12 children enrolled in the program. This sleepover will be in collaboration with RRL . Two staff people from PI, Ben Oude Kamphuis/Lissa Zeviar and Tony Fletcher form RRL, will lead the sleepover. Ben, Lissa and Tony are experienced and are certified in First Aid and CPR. Ben is certified as a First Responder.

On motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9905-094

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight sleepover for 8-10 children, who are Blind and Visually Impaired at Wawona Clubhouse.

6. PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM BLUE AND INTERACTIVE MUSIC EVENT (IME) FOR "PLANET BLUE" ONE DAY GATED EVENT
Discussion and possible action to approve Blue and Interactive Music Event to produce "Planet Blue" involving world famous musicians performing live in two cities (Amsterdam and San Francisco) on Saturday, June 26, 1999, with the San Francisco portion in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park.

"Planet Blue" will take place in one of Amsterdam's most prestigious venues, the Amsterdam Docklands. San Francisco will begin at 11:00 a.m. Amplified music will not start until 1:00 p.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m. at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. There will be a variety of musicians performing at "Planet Blue" from an array of musical styles and backgrounds. The musicians that will perform in San Francisco will be mainly famous American artists, though some European artists may also perform. This would be the case for Amsterdam also whereby, some American Musicians will also perform. Some of the attractions may be, James Brown, 98 Degrees, Faith Evans, Beastie Boys,

Eryka Badu, Jaz A, the Cardigans, Brandi, Monica, DMX, Another Level, Roots, Postmen and Dignity. This event will be projected onto 3-4 large 25m 2 screen video walls.

This concert will have food, beverages both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and sales of merchandise, programs and items pertaining to the event. Admission to "Planet Blue" will be from $35.00 to $45.00. The sale of tickers will be limited to 12,000 and distribution of tickets (for promotions, staff, and vendors) will be limited to no more than 500 for this event. Limiting the attendance for this concert to no more than 12, 500.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9905-095

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Blue and Interactive Music Event to produce "Planet Blue" involving world famous musicians performing live in two cities (Amsterdam and San Francisco) on Saturday, June 26, 1999, with the San Francisco portion in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park.

7. **REIS TRACT**
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITES COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE REIS TRACT AND DESCRIBE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PUC WOULD APPROVE A JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER
Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to administer the Reis Tract and to describe the conditions under which the PUC would approve a jurisdictional transfer of the Reis Tract.

In October of 1996, the Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks (FVVP) prepared a report to improve the quality and quantity of open space in the Visitacion Valley district, located in the southwest quadrant of the City. One of the goals of the report was to preserve and improve a linear series of six parcels (37 lots total comprising 2.11 acres) as open space that are currently under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Individual parcels are currently occupied for community gardening by SLUG, the Department's Campbell-Rutland Mini Park (under permit), and recently for a child care facility to be developed and administered by the Recreation and Park Department (under MOU as per Commission Resolution No. 9808-130), approved August 26, 1998), while other parcels remain vacant. Although portions of the Reis tract are currently utilized as public open space, the Reis Tract is not secured as such while under the jurisdiction of the PUC.

In support of the FVVP's efforts to secure the Reis Tract as public open space, the Recreation and Park Department and the PUC have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding. Generally, the MOU proposes the following:

1) PUC grant to the Recreation and Park Department the authority to manage and administer the Reis Tract for a period of five years.

2) Within 120 days from the effective date of the MOU, the Recreation and Park Department would prepare a conceptual improvement plan with the community for Recreation and Park Commission and PUC staff approvals. The conceptual plan will serve as the standard by which the PUC would approve a jurisdictional transfer of the Reis Tract to the Recreation and Park Department at a price of $17,000 based on historical cost.

3) Evaluation against the adopted standard would occur before or by the date of that five-year period.

4) Block 6202, Lot 45, of the Reis Tract would continue to be utilized for child care for a term not to exceed nine years whether or not a jurisdictional transfer of the Reis Tract occurs.

Improvements to the Reis Tract is anticipated to cost $100,000 - $200,000. $80,000 is anticipated through the Open Space Program in FY 1999-2000. The Friends of Recreation and Parks has recently granted $10,000 to the Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks for improvements to a Reis Tract parcel. The FVVP is actively pursuing additional sources of funding. The community would be major participants in the maintenance of the Reis Tract through the development of community gardens.

On motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9905-096

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to administer the Reis Tract and to describe the conditions under which the PUC would approve a jurisdictional transfer of the Reis Tract.

Fran Martin thanked the Commission for their approval of this item.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, TEEN PROGRAM**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP AT BOTHIN CAMPGROUND
Discussion and possible action to approve the Teen Program's overnight trip, June 4-6, 1999 for 25 youth, ages 12-14 at Bothin Campground.

Jackie Battle presented this to the Commission. This retreat is an annual event, this being the 10th Anniversary. There will be four recreational staff Chaperones for this event. This youth will be transported in city vans. The youth will depart San Francisco on Friday, June 4, 1999and return Sunday, June 6, 1999. The cost will be $5.00 per participant and will help supplement the cost of food, camping equipment, and crafts projects.

On motion on **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following motion was adopted:

RES. NO. 9905-0097

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Teen Program's overnight trip, June 4-6, 1999 for 25 youth, ages 12-14 at Bothin Campground.

9. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
PRESENTATION OF RANDALL MUSEUM SURVEY REPORT
Discussion and presentation only of Randall Museum Survey Report.

The Major Findings were:

- The Randall Museum enjoys a high level of familiarity among a random selection of San Francisco households with children (70%).
- Those households who know of the Randall have a high opinion of it. Among seven institutions queried in the survey, the Randall Museum ranks third in favorability behind the Academy of Sciences/Aquarium and the Exploratorium.
- Nearly every visitor to the Randall has viewed the exhibits and live animal at the Randall and toured the outdoor area around the building and the hillside, while half have seen a performance and about a quarter have attended a meeting or lecture.
- Visitors are extremely satisfied with most aspects of the Randall Museum, especially with the helpfulness of staff members, performances, and the classes.
- However, respondents are somewhat less satisfied with the exhibits and the building itself. When asked to suggest improvements to the Randall, most respondents requested an increased amount of indoor and outdoor space.
- Non-visitors to the Randall Museum are impressed by many aspects of the Randall when they are described, particularly its offering of hands-on activities such as woodworking. About three-quarters or more of non-visitors say they are interested in dropping into the Randall to see the exhibits or live animals.

- Both visitors and non-visitors express a high level of interest in each of eight potential improvements to the Randall. A particularly high amount of interest is expressed in the outdoor nature area and the short hike to view an earthquake fault.
- After hearing a vision statement that explains future changes and improvements at the Randall, non-visitors showed significantly increased interest in visiting the Randall.
- Almost two-thirds of museum visitors indicate that they would visit the Randall Museum on Sunday if it were open.
- San Francisco families primarily receive information on cultural and educational programs and opportunities through San Francisco's major daily newspapers and talking with friends and neighbors.
- Two-thirds of survey respondents feel that there are an adequate amount of cultural and educational opportunities for young people in San Francisco. However, only 42% of African-Americans feel that there are an adequate amount of these opportunities for young people in the City.

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS/ INCREASES TO FY 1999-00 BASELINE BUDGET
Discussion and possible action to approve modifications/increases to the Recreation and Park Department Baseline Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Angela Gengler gave a brief presentation to the Commission on the proposed modification and increases to the baseline budget. She went through the handout which the Commission had received prior to the meeting: Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Programs, 3Com Park, Administration, Capital Projects, Equipment, Non-General Fund Programs and Baseline Revisions to the General Fund.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9905-098

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve modifications/increases to the Recreation and Park Department Baseline Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss spoke about Blocks 202 and 203.

12. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 743rd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

744th Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 1999 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 17, 1999 at 2:13 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
John W. Murray

Absent:
William Getty

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2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Commissioner Salinas announced that Item # 9 was taken off calendar.

Commissioner Salinas presented Certificates of Appreciation from the Recreation and Park Commission to two employees: 1) Ron de Leon and 2) Sandy Lee. He also presented a Recreation and Park Commission Resolution to Ron de Leon that Celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Camp Mather and thanked the Camp staff for all of their hard work and tireless efforts in making it a favorite vacation spot for generations of San Franciscans.

3. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

MOU – Reis Tract
We are pleased to announce that a MOU has been reached that allows the Department to administer a greenway in Visitacion Valley known as the Reis Tract. The property is to be used specifically for recreation and open space.

9910/Workfare Program
The workfare, which is in its third year of operation, has had the opportunity to serve and offer training to many General Assistance (G.A.) recipients. In addition to offering basic training in gardening and custodial procedures, the program has, with the cooperation of the Department of Human Services, provided training and support to the General Assistance recipients in basic life skills such as the discipline to report to work on time, work cooperatively with a group, practice basic safety procedures, personal hygiene, resume and interview preparation. Through their involvement in the workfare program, the General Assistance recipients have the opportunity to enter the 9910 program, which is a more intensive training program within the Recreation and Park Department. The 9910 program is a four-month program whose mission is to address the deferred maintenance projects within our park system. While the 9910 program is not made up entirely from the workfare rolls, 60% of the 9910's who have participated in the program have come directly from the General Assistance roles.

The Recreation and Park Department is planning to explore converting five of the eighteen 9910 positions to the position of 7501 in the 99-00 Budget. If we are successful, we will be able to offer General Assistance recipients a clear path from welfare to a more competitive position for a civil service classification of 3417 gardener and 2708 custodian.

Citywide Recreation Gathering

The Department is excited about the upcoming Citywide Recreation Gathering that will take place on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are co-hosting this event with the Recreation Council. The day includes free admission to the Zoo and many fun activities as well as advocacy building workshops throughout the day. Many of the recreation centers throughout the City will be closed so that people from our programs will be able to participate. The major gymnasiums will remain open and staffed. Signs are posted at the closed sites.

Citywide Seniors

One hundred and nine senior citizens participated in Session I of the annual Senior Adults Get-A-Way to Camp Mather from June 7 through June 11. It was a fun-packed five days of hiking, arts and crafts, music dancing, bingo, Yosemite tour and more. Session II is scheduled for August 21 through 25.

Day Camps

Randall Museum Camps began on Tuesday, June 8, 1999. Athletic Day Camps (Novice and Teen) begins on Monday, June 14, 1999, Silver Tree, Pine Lake and Pacific Art Camps begins on Monday, June 21, 1999.

Project Insight – Trip to Europe

Eight blind and visually impaired young adults, accompanied by two Recreation and Park Department staff, and one rose Resnick Lighthouse staff, went on a 11 day trip to Europe from May 28 through June 7, 1999.

Workreation

Two hundred youths, ages 15 – 19, will be assigned to 20-hour week schedule in various Divisions of our Department, including playgrounds, recreation centers, park maintenance, office duties, etc. The youths are expected on board as of June 21, 1999.

Grattan Playground

Plans are underway to aerate and place top soil on the play field at Grattan Playground, and eventually install a ball diamond for Pee Wee Baseball (8 years and under) as well as T-Ball. The 8-week project is slated to begin on June 21, 1999.

Polo Fields

During the past month, the Polo Fields has hosted three major events. On May 16, over 70,000 participants from The Bay to Breakers held their annual Footstock festival on the field. During the Memorial Day weekend, the San Francisco Cup and Youth Festival soccer tournament utilized the field for three consecutive days. On Saturday, June 5, the Fleadh Concert, with over 30,000 ticket holders, was the first concert held at the Polo Fields since its renovation in 1996.

Palace of Fine Arts

As part of the Exploratorium Renovation project, the structural engineering firm of Rutherford and Chekene Consulting Engineers, will be conducting a seismic evaluation of the existing Palace of Fine Arts Building related to current seismic code and performance requirements. The engineers will be taking soil borings and performing cone penetration tests at various locations around the main building to obtain geotechnical information on the subsurface conditions at the existing building foundation. The work will start on June 21 and end June 25.

Shakespeare Garden

The Shakespeare Garden is currently being renovated, including new sod and landscaping. Over 11,000 square feet of sod and close to 100 new shrubs prescribed for the Garden will be planted this week.

The Enterprise Program – Buena Vista Park
This will be the 21st Anniversary of this successful program where 25 high school students spend the summer working alongside park maintenance staff and learn about gardening and erosion control at Buena Vista Park. The program will begin on Monday, June 21, 1999.

Sharp Park Golf Course
The Department was informed on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, that a dead whale washed onto our property at Sharp Park Golf Course. We hired a private contractor to bury the whale on our property above the high tide line. The work was completed on Thursday, June 10, 1999. The City of Pacifica thanked the Department for their quick action in abating this public nuisance.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, July 6, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 7, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 1,1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal,** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following Resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9906-099**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 1999.

B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9906-100**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of the following gift valued at approximately $100,000:

1) **From the San Francisco Foundation, the consulting services on recreation and park issues of Tom Fox, valued at approximately $100,000.**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9906-101**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572

Donation To

Maria Armstrong **2986 Euclid Avenue** **Concord, CA 94519**	**Four female Cochin Chickens** **Donation**

D. ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTICIPATION NURSERY SCHOOL **RES. NO. 9906-102**
APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT AND RENTAL RATE INCREASE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School for the use of Peixotto Playground Clubhouse.

E. GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURTS **RES. NO. 9906-103**
RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF YOUTH TENNIS INSTRUCTION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does retroactively approve the award of the permit for youth tennis instructions at the Golden Gate Tennis Courts.

F. MATHER SADDLE AND PACK STATION **RES. NO. 9906-104**
APPROVAL OF PRICE INCREASES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the Mather Saddle and Pack Station to increase its prices for horse rental and related activities at Camp Mather.

G. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB **RES. NO. 9906-105**
APPROVAL OF BUILDING RENOVATION PLANS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does conditionally approve the South End Rowing Club's building renovation plans.

H. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB **RES. NO. 9906-106**
APPROVAL OF OPTION PERIOD
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the South End Rowing Club to exercise a 24-year option.

I. BALBOA POOL AND TENNIS COURT GROUNDS **RES. NO. 9906-107**
APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT OF THREE-FOOT HIGH FENCE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of a three-foot high fence along San Jose Avenue.

These items were passed unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM NATIONAL MEDIA GROUP, INC. FOR "SELF WORKOUT IN THE PARK" AT SHARON MEADOWS IN GOLDEN GATE PARK, OCTOBER 16, 1999
Discussion and possible action to approve a request from National Media Group, Inc. to produce "SELF WORKOUT in the Park", a day-long state-of-the-art interactive fitness and health expo at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 16, 1999, with Sunday, October 17, 1999, as a rain date.

This item was presented to the Commission by Sandy Lee. She stated that the "SELF-WORKOUT in the Park" is a state-of-the-art interactive fitness and health expo which should attract mostly women 21-50 years of age. They will learn about the newest trends, products and treatments, participate in workshops, clinics and demonstrations and be entertained and educated by top health , sports and fitness experts and celebrities. This is a one-day, alcohol free event. This participatory event culminates in the Worlds' Greatest Workout – a huge, outdoor aerobic workout led by a recognized fitness expert. There will be the following activities; step classes, in-line skating, yoga, 50-yard dash, Swing dancing, basketball, kickboxing and more. There will be educational classes where women will earn about the latest trends, products and treatments in health, beauty and nutrition through consultations with professionals on skin care, hair color and personal training. There will be no live music, only piped, prerecorded music. There will be approximately 25 to 30 sponsors with booths, three to five tents, two sound systems, two Volkswagon automobile displays and two staging areas. Admission is $10.00 in advance and $15.00 at the door.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal requested permission from the Commission to abstain from voting as there was a possible conflict of interest.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder**, the Commission voted unanimously to allow **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** to abstain from voting on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9906-108

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from National Media Group, Inc. to produce "SELF WORKOUT in the Park", a day-long state-of-the-art interactive fitness and health expo at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 16, 1999, with Sunday, October 17, 1999, as a rain date.

Ayes: Salinas, Chin, Flunder, Friend, Murray
Abstain: Newhouse Segal

6. **PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS**
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM ANTHONY MEIER TO DISPLAY AN ART INSTALLATION BY DANIEL BUREN FOR FALL 1999 AT THE JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA
Discussion and possible action to approve a request from Anthony Meier of Anthony Meier Fine Arts to display a temporary art installation of 150 flags on flagpoles as part of the *"Cote Quest: A Season of French Contemporary Art"*, by French Artist, Dan Buren, at the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza October 1, 1999 through Thanksgiving 1999.

This item was presented by Sandy Lee. The temporary art installation of 150 flags on flagpoles will be a part of the *"Cote Quest", A Season of French Contemporary Art* for Fall of 1999, a large cultural event planned by the French government. It will be one of the exhibitions dispersed throughout the City. This will be a temporary outdoor installation approved by a group of fifteen curators from France. The famous French artist, Daniel Buren, will create an installation of 150 flags on flagpoles at Joseph L. Alioto Piazza.

The work will consist of 150 flags and flagpoles placed in line/paralleled to the existing trees. The spacing of the flagpoles will be the same as the distance between the trees. Each flag of nylon would measure approximately 10 feet tall, mounted on 20-foot tall poles set into temporary, prefabricated cement blocks, spaced seven to eight feet apart. The color of the flags has yet to be determined, but they will be striped, alternating between a color such as red or blue and white.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** this item was amended to change the dates of the exhibit and the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9906-109

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from Anthony Meier of Anthony Meier Fine Arts to display a temporary art installation of 150 flags on flagpoles as part of the *"Cote Quest: A Season of French Contemporary Art"*, by French Artist, Dan Buren, at the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts September 28, 1999 through the weekend after Thanksgiving 1999.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **CAMP MATHER**
APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT ALLOWING EVERGREEN LODGE TO DRAW WATER FROM BIRCH LAKE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY
Discussion and possible action to approve a revocable permit to allow the Evergreen Lodge to draw water from Birch Lake at Camp Mather in the event of an emergency.

This item was presented by Ron deLeon. The Evergreen Lodge is a summer resort facility located near Camp Mather on Evergreen Road. The Evergreen Lodge is currently going through the Tuolumne County planning

process seeking approval for the expansion of the Evergreen Lodge Summer Resort Facility. A new fire hydrant system and other increased fire suppression capability are a requirement of the proposed expansion. Additionally, the Tuolumne County Fire Marshall requires that a 90,000 gallon water supply tank be refilled within 96 hours after being utilized for an emergency. The well pumping capacity of the Evergreen Lodge cannot meet the 96 hour refill requirement mandated by the Tuolumne County Fire Marshall.

If this request is approved by the Commission, the current owner(s) of Evergreen Lodge will be allowed to draw up to 90,000 gallons of water from Birch Lake following an emergency to meet the 96 hour refill requirement imposed by the Tuolumne County Fire Marshall. Recreation and Park staff has determined that the draw down of 90,000 gallons of water from Birch Lake will have minimal impact on the Lake. A 90,000 draw down of Birch Lake equated to a two inch drop in the water level. All equipment necessary to affect the 96 hour refill requirement will be purchased and maintained by the Evergreen Lodge. Additionally, this equipment will be housed in a structure on Evergreen Lodge property.

It is important to note that during a fire emergency any and all resources can be brought to bear on the emergency, in an effort to save lives and property. As was seen in the Ackerson Complex fires of 1997, Birch Lake was utilized as a fire suppression resource by the California Department of Forestry. In a potential wild fire scenario, the Tuolumne County Fire Marshall has the authority to authorize the use of any and all resources to extinguish a fire in its earliest stage. This includes the use of Birch Lake.

The revocable permit would be an agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and the current owners (s) of the Evergreen Lodge and is of mutual benefit to the parties involved and the surrounding area. Also, agreed upon in this revocable permit is the ability for the City and County of San Francisco, specifically Camp Mather, to utilize this pumping system as may be of benefit for a fire emergency occurring on Camp Mather property.

After much discussion on this item, a motion was made to deny.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9906-110

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies a revocable permit to allow the Evergreen Lodge to draw water from Birch Lake at Camp Mather in the event of an emergency with the understanding that this item is open for further discussion.

Ayes: Salinas, Friend
Nos: Chin, Flunder, Murray, Newhouse Segal

8. VISITACION VALLEY DAYCARE
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDCARE FACILITY
Discussion and possible action to approve a conceptual plan for the development of a childcare facility.

This item was presented by Marvin Yee. In August 1998, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to develop and manage a childcare facility on a vacant parcel (Block 6202, Lot 45) that is under the jurisdiction of the PUC. The Recreation and Park Department held two community meetings to prepare a layout and design with the community for the development of the site.

The goal of this project was to integrate a licensable, 40-child facility into the residential character of the neighborhood. The proposed conceptual plan shows two modular units (24'x48' and 24'x56') that would include 1,400 square feet of indoor play space as required under State requirements for childcare. Indoor spaces also include an administrative office, faculty space, kitchen and restrooms. A handicap accessible ramp would provide a connection between the modular units.

The modular units would have peaked roofs with re-asphalt tiles. Color scheme would incorporate light peach and white. Metal, picket fencing overgrown with passion vine and an arched entryway would be place along

Tucker Avenue. An existing palm tree would remain. Site regulations, landscaping and a drop-off zone. The Recreation and Park Department will petition the Department of Traffic to designate a street-side drop-off zone at Tucker Street and Campbell Avenue.

Development would occur on the easterly portion of the lot, while the remaining westerly portion would be available to implement a linear open space to fulfill the community's vision for its Greenway Plan.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Friend**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9906-111

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the development of a childcare facility.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **DEGAUSSING STATION**
APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION FROM THE U.S. NAVY
Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the Marina Green Degaussing Station from the U. S. Navy.

Item Number 9 was removed from calendar.

10. **VOLUME SERVICES**
APPROVAL OF NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION ITEMS TO BE OFFERED AT 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT FOR THE 1999 BASEBALL SEASON
Discussion and possible action to approve new food and beverage concession items to be offered by Volume Services at 3Com Park at Candlestick Point for the 1999 baseball season.

This item was presented by Chris Mack. According to the Testing Policy for 3Com Concessionaire approved by this Commission in 1998, the Giants can either discontinue selling the product, or seek approval from the Commission to sell test products on a permanent basis.

In accordance with the Testing Policy, the Giants notified the Department of their intent to test several products. The Giants are now seeking the Commission's approval to continue to sell some of the test products on a permanent basis. (The Commission had previously been given a list of the items).

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9906-112

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve new food and beverage concession items to be offered by Volume Services at 3Com Park at Candlestick Point for the 1999 baseball season.

This item was passed unanimously.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Ernestine Weiss spoke on Lots 202 and 203, **Patricia Vaughey** spoke on the Exploratorium/ Palace of the Fine Arts, and **Emeric Kalman** spoke on the Toxicity issue.

12. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McArthur, Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
745TH Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 1999, 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 15, 1999 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr. President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
William Getty
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
Gordon Chin, Vice President
John Murray

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President of the Commission, Jim Salinas, Sr. announced that at 3:00 p.m. the Regular meeting would adjourn and the Commission would go into Special Session. Commissioner Salinas then stated that in lieu of the President's Report he wished to present an award to Rose Dennis, a member of the staff for the Recreation and Park Department. He then praised Ms. Dennis for all of her efforts on behalf of the Department. He read the Certificate of Recognition which he presented to her. "The Recreation and Park Commission, the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of her loyalty and dedication not only to the Department but the people of San Francisco, her ability to accomplish projects by bringing together all parties involved, her love and concern for the youth of this City and because of her devotion and loving guidance to the people and in particular the children and youth of San Francisco have benefited and enjoyed numerous programs, events and activities, and through hard work advocacy and support, her impact on the community will continue and expand in the years to come, the Recreation and Park Commission is pleased to present Rose Dennis with this certificate of outstanding service." Ms. Dennis thanked the Commission for the award.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

Audree Jones-Taylor, acting General Manager gave the following report:

New Summer Hours for Visitors to McLaren Lodge
In an ongoing effort to improve customer service, the Recreation and Park Department is pleased to announce that McLaren Lodge will be open to visitors on summer weekends, effective June 26, 1999. A staff person at the Lodge's main switchboard/reception desk area will be on hand Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept phone calls, assist visitors, and provide maps, brochures, and other visitor information. The main switchboard can be reached at (415) 831-2700.

Visiting Dignitaries

With the start of the summer and tourist season, we have had several visiting dignitaries. In May, a group from Ireland had a park tour that ended at Tenderloin Children's Playground with a rousing game of football. Audree Jones-Taylor was the defending champion! In early June, two Vice Mayor's from Paris, France, San Francisco's sister city, visited Golden Gate Park. Then, in mid-June, 19 delegates from China came to hear about our gardening techniques and tour Strybing Arboretum. On June 29, a group of 17 gardening experts came to visit our parks on a tour from U.C. Berkeley. The word is out that the park system in San Francisco is not to be missed on any tour!

Upcoming Dedications

The Department looks forward to dedicating several newly improved sites in the next several weeks. Garfield Park Soccer Field is to be dedicated on Saturday, July 17. This is the fourth renovation that was funded by last year's supplemental revenue request. The children's play area at 10th and Fulton in Golden Gate Park will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, July 24, and finally, this summer we will dedicate the new play area at Gilman Park in the Bayview on Saturday, July 31. Mayor Brown is expected to attend all three ceremonies.

Citywide Recreation Gathering

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held August 10. **Deadline for submitting applications to the Recreation and Park Department is Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 6:30 p.m.**

ALL STAR Cricket World Cup Match
Working with the Mayor's Office, 3COM, and the Property Management Unit, the Post Media Group (PMG) is putting on an International ALL STAR Cricket World Cup match at 3COM Park on August 3, 1999. An estimated attendance for this internationally televised event is around 10,000 people. San Francisco, New York and Toronto are the three cities hosting this international event and we are proud to be included. In addition to the exposure in the media, the Department will receive substantial revenue for this one-day event, furthering our marketing efforts for 3COM Park once the Giants have left in 2000.

Crocker Amazon Baseball Field
A groundbreaking ceremony is expected to take place in the next few weeks at Crocker Amazon, Baseball field #1. This field is being renovated in partnership with the Giants Community Fund, Good Tidings Foundation, and the Recreation and Park Department.

Golden Gate Park, Reforestation and Golf Division
The Golden Gate Park sewer and drain water project being staged at the East End of the park is approximately 50% completed. Part of the West End beautification project, which includes a path from the Beach Chalet Visitors Center to the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden, has been completed. Reforestation has completed removing nine pine trees at Transverse and Martin Luther King Drive. The Golf Division will be addressing public hearings concerning the contract proposal involving Harding Golf Course

3291 Principal Recreation Supervisors
I would like to welcome the five new 3291 Principal Recreation Supervisors; Frank Cassinelli, Paula Hamilton, Sandy Lee, Shawna McGrew and James Threat. The selection of these new permanent Supervisors will help in the operation of the Department. Next month, the selection process for the Assistant Supervisors will commence filling all the supervisorial positions in Recreation.

Aquatic Section Summer Pattern
The Aquatic Section Summer Pattern Selection took place on June 25. New assignments and Summer programming has begun in full force. Summer Learn to Swim Lessons are at capacity.

Summer Outings
Summer outings for the playgrounds began in mid June. Directors are planning exciting and different outings for the children's enjoyment. More outings are taking place in and around the City to introduce many children to the wonders of our fine city.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 3, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, August 4, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 5,1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

In addition, staff reported on the Conservatory of Flowers, Lake Merced, Project Insight Report on their trip to Europe and the Financial Reports.

Emeric Kalman spoke about Lake Merced and requested that his concerns be addressed. He also spoke on the inconsistencies of budget (Marina Small Craft Harbor) as compared to previous versions.

The Commission recessed from Regular Meeting at 3:01 p.m. and went into Special Meeting.

The Commission adjourned the Special Meeting and returned to the Regular Meeting at 3:14 p.m.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these item unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty,** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal,** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINTUES** **RES. NO. 9907-102**
RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 1999 as amended.

Emeric Kalman spoke on this item and requested and amendment to the minutes.

B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9907-103**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of the following gift valued at $9,500.00:

1) **From Jeanne Wong, $9,500 for the upgrade of five trees and two park benches at Woh Hei Yuen Park.**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS **RES. NO. 9907-104**
RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572

DONATION FROM

Woodland Park Zoo **5500 Phinney Avenue N.** **Seattle, WA 98103-5897**	**20 Katydids (insects)** **Donation** **USDA 91-C-0001**
Steinhart Aquarium **Golden Gate Park** **San Francisco, CA**	**6 unsexed Trout** **Donation**

PURCHASE FROM

S & B Farms **125 Lynch Road** **Petaluma, CA 94952**	**1 Male, 1 Female Domestic Turkey** **Purchase $80.00**

Discovery Island **P.O. Box 10,000** **Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000**	**32 unknown sex Chilean Flamingos** **Purchase $32,000** **USDA 58-C-0076**

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Gillis Grove Birds **1364 Gillis Road** **Stockton, CA 92515**	**1 Male, 2 Female Bar-headed Geese** **Donation**

D. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 9907-105**
APPROVAL OF ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER CONSTRUCTION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the construction of the Animal Resource Center.

E. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 9907-106**
ACCEPTANCE OF FY99-00 CAPITAL BUDGET
RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the San Francisco Zoological Gardens FY 99-00 Capital Budget.

Emeric Kalman stated his concerns on this item and requested the issues be addressed.

F. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 9907-107**
ACCEPTANCE OF FY 99-00 OPERATING BUDGET
RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the San Francisco Zoological Gardens FY 99-00 Operating Budget.

G. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9907-108**
APPROVAL OF TRIP TO HAWAII FOR MOSCONE SENIOR CITIZENS SEPTEMBER 9-16, 1999
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a trip to Hawaii for 15 to 17 Moscone Senior Citizens, "The Golden Gate Girls", from September 9-16, 1999.

H. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9907-109**
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO AMERICAN RIVER FOR TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AUGUST 21-22, 1999
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an overnight trip to the American River for the Tenderloin Children's Playground with the Sierra Club August 21-22, 1999.

I. **JAPANESE TEA GARDEN** **RES. NO. 9907-110**
APPROVAL OF SMOKING BAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a smoking ban at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

John Laskin spoke on this item.

J. **CROCKER AMAZON BALL DIAMOND AND OUTFIELD** **RES. NO. 9907-111**
APPROVAL OF RENOVATION OF DIAMOND #1 AND A GIFT-IN-PLACE FROM THE GIANTS COMMUNITY FUND/GOOD TIDINGS FOUNDATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the renovation of Ball Diamond #1 and outfield at Crocker Amazon and a gift-in-place from the Giants Community Fund/Good Tidings Foundation.

K. **CAMPBELL-RUTLAND MINI PARK** **RES. NO. 9907-112**
APPROVAL OF A CONCEPTUAL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual renovation and expansion plan of Campbell-Rutland Mini Park.

L. **DOUGLASS PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9907-113**
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR PLAY AREA RENOVATION AND A GIFT-IN-PLACE OF PLAY STRUCTURE BY GAMETIME THROUGH FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for the play area renovation and a gift-in-place of play structures by GameTime, play equipment manufacturers, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, a non-profit organization.

M. **STRYBING ARBORETUM**
APPROVAL OF GIFT-IN-PLACE FROM THE STYRBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY OF TWO NEW GARDENS - THE LIBRARY TERRACE AND THE ASIAN DISCOVERY GARDENS - WITHIN THE ARBORETUM
Discussion and possible action to approve a conceptual plan for two new gardens, The Library Terrace and The Asian Discovery Gardens within the Strybing Arboretum.

This item was taken off of the consent calendar and heard as a separate item.

The Strybing Arboretum Society has proposed a gift in place in the form of two new gardens to be called the Library Terrace and Asian Discovery Gardens within the Arboretum. These gardens are proposed to be located adjacent to and west of the Helen Crocker Russell Library. The subject area is approximately 3,000 square feet and will be ADA compliant and consistent with the Golden Gate Park and Strybing Arboretum Master Plans. The Library Terrace Garden will consist of plantings and a terrace adjacent to the Library and surrounded by a low wall created out of salvaged monastery stones. The terrace will also contain a small fountain in the middle. The Asia Discovery Garden will feature new plan introductions form Asia suitable for San Francisco and contain a small seating area and an overlook of other garden features found in the Arboretum. The Department's Planner and Operations staff will review this proposal for compliance with City and County Regulations. The Department staff will also assist with the construction of this project. The value of this gift is estimated at $130,000. The Society will provide an endowment for maintenance in the form of a student intern.

Conceptual drawings have been completed. Upon receiving Commission approval, construction drawings will be completed and a final value placed on this proposal.

On motion on **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9907-120

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan for two new gardens, The Library Terrace and The Asian Discovery Gardens within the Strybing Arboretum.

N. **STRYBING ARBORETUM** **RES. NO. 9907-114**
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY TO HOLD A GATED EVENT WITHIN THE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN SEPTEMBER 24 - OCOTBER 3, 1999, CLOSURE OF GARDEN, ADMISSION FEE, AFTER HOUR ACTIVITIES AND THE SALE OF FOOD AND MERCHANDISE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the Strybing Arboretum Society to hold a gated event within the Demonstration Garden September 24 - October 3, 1999 and approve the closure of the garden, an admission fee to the event, after hour activities and the sale of food and merchandise.

O. **GOLDEN GATE PARK WEST END** **RES. NO. 9907-115**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JMB CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $7, 140,787 FOR UTILITIES IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to JMB Construction Inc. in the amount of $7,140,787 for Golden Gate Park West End Utilities Improvements.

P. **RAINBOW MONTESSSORI NURSERY SCHOOL** **RES. NO. 9907-116**
APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT AND RENTAL RATE INCREASE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit for Bauer-Cusack & Cusack, Inc. dba Rainbow Montessori Nursery School for the use of the McCoppin Playground Clubhouse.

Q. **SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISRICT - CHILD OBSERATION PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT AND RENTAL RATE INCREASE** **RES. NO. 9907-117**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for the San Francisco Community College District - Child Observation Program for the continued use of the Laurel Hill Clubhouse.

R. **GLENRIDGE COOPERATIVE NURSEY SCHOOL** **RES. NO. 9907-118**
APPROVAL OF NEW REVOCABLE PERMIT AND RENTAL RATE INCREASE
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School for the use of the Silver Tree building in Glen Canyon.

S. **STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY REVOCABLE FOOD VENDING PERMIT APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT** **RES. NO. 9907-119**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the Permit Agreement with the Strybing Arboretum Society to extend the term period, modify the Permit License and Permit Area, and increase the number of pushcart concessions allowed.

5. **HARDING PARK/FLEMING GOLF COURSES**
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Discussion and possible action to approve a Request for Qualifications for the lease, management, operation and renovation of Harding Park/Fleming Golf Courses.

Harding Park Golf Course, an existing 18-hole course, and Fleming Golf Course, an existing 9-hole at the southwestern portion of San Francisco between the north and south bodies of Lake Merced, at Skyline Boulevard and Harding Road. Harding Park includes a driving range, clubhouse with pro shop and meeting rooms and separate maintenance and cart storage buildings. A restaurant operation, under a separate agreement is located adjacent to the clubhouse. Harding boasts an exceptional layout, and a stunning natural setting with scenic views of the lake and surrounding natural

areas. The Harding Park Golf Course and the clubhouse were built over 70 years ago, in the early 1920's. The Fleming Course was later added in 1959. The current Lessee, Arnold Palmer Golf Management LLL, has been operating the Pro Shop at Harding Park since it acquired the Lease rights under an assignment agreement on October 15, 1997. The Lease has since expired. Palmer has been allowed to continue to operate the course on a month-to-month basis while staff worked to develop both the objectives and specifications for competitively bidding the concession agreement for Harding Park.

Despite its inherent value, Harding Park's potential is not currently being realized. While Harding Park is the most popular of the City's municipal courses, it suffers from extensive deferred maintenance and cumulative effects of years of insufficient capital investment. Staff attributes these deficiencies to past staffing cuts, lack of equipment, and antiquated irrigation system and the cumulative effects of years of insufficient capital investment.

The Department has an opportunity, as a result of the PGA Tour's willingness to host the PGA TOUR Championship at Harding once every three years, to provide San Franciscans with an extraordinary experience at deeply discounted rates. In order to secure the TOUR Championship and achieve the desired benefits for San Francisco, substantial capital improvements are required. The Ground lease covered by this RFQ will not only provide 100% private funding for these improvements, it will also ensure that in the future there will be sufficient resources dedicated to course maintenance and programs for disadvantaged youth without using General Fund revenues.

In commencing this RFQ/RFP process, the City intends to create an exceptional golf experience that is accessible and affordable for all San Franciscans, without burdening other General Fund programs. The Request for Qualification was developed with the following objectives: 1) To enhance recreational opportunities for San Francisco residents of all ages by creating a world class golf course complex at Harding Park, 2) to maintain accessible and affordable golf for the residents of San Francisco, 3) to preserve and enhance the opportunities for City employees at Harding Park, 4) to establish a source of dedicated funding to insure the fulfillment of ongoing maintenance, capital projects and equipment needs, 5) to establish a proven youth golf program that is entirely self-supporting, 6) to preserve and enhance the general fund revenue contribution received from the golf course to continue to fund recreational programs City-wide, and 7) to create a model for environmentally sustainable golf.

Bill Dudley and **John Laskin** spoke in opposition to this item and **Reola Freeman** spoke of her concerns in regard to youth and seniors.

On motion of **Commission Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9907-121

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request for Qualifications for the lease, management, operation and renovation of Harding Park/Fleming Golf Courses.

6. **MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION**
APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT RELEASING U.S. NAVY FROM ANY OBLIGATION TO REMOVE THE MARINA GREEN DESGAUSSING STATION IN EXCHANGE FOR TITLE TO THE BUILDING
Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement releasing U. S. Navy from any obligation to remove the Marina Green Degaussing Station in exchange for title to the building.

The U.S. Navy has had a revocable permit to operate a degaussing station at the Marina Green since 1951. After the initial permit of 1951, the Navy continued to operate the station under a series of five year revocable permits through January 1991.

In recent years, it has become apparent to the Navy that they no longer need the Degaussing Station.

Under the terms of the original permit, the Navy is required to return the property as nearly as practicable to its original condition if so requested by the Recreation and Park Commission.

The Degaussing Station is in good condition. A Phase I Site Assessment was completed in September, 1997. Only minimal amounts of lead based paint were found; this condition could easily be abated. An electrical transformer located immediately east of the facility is in generally good condition. At the time of the site assessment, however, the transformer model and manufacture information was not known, and therefore, the potential presence of PCB's could not be determined. Since that time, further research shows that the transformer is a recent model and is an air cooled model. Therefore the Department of Public Works Site Assessment and Remediation Section has determined that the transformer does not contain PCBs.

The Navy has prepared an Agreement for Release from Condition of Revocable Permit in consultation with the City Attorney's Office. According to the Agreement, in return for releasing the Navy from its restoration obligation, the City will receive the building in its existing condition. The Agreement states that this exchange is considered a settlement of contractual obligation rather than a disposal of property.

Betty White, Ernestine Weiss, Joan Girardot, Emeric Kalman, Gloria Fontanello and **Regis Rosetta** spoke in opposition to this item. **Kenn Parsens** spoke on behalf of the Navy.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9907-122

RESOLVED, That this Commission tables this item for 60 days at which time it would come back to the Commission at which time staff will also make a recommendation for use of the building.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robin Smith spoke on the Sharon Art Studio Memorandum of Understanding, **Ernestine Weiss** spoke on the permits at Justin Herman Plaza and her concerns of these events, **John Laskin** spoke on golf, **Emeric Kalman** spoke of problems with the zoo, and **Regis Rosetta** spoke on the golf fees.

8. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

Commissioner Salinas requested from **Audree Jones –Taylor** people become aware of the Park Patrol and their role and also requested that the sound system be replaced at Camp Mather. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** discussed a situation which occurred at Union Square.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission Secretary

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MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 1999, 2:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 15, 1999 at 3:01 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr. President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
William Getty
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
Gordon Chin, Vice President
John Murray

2. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION URGING CITY'S STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA STATE PARK BONDS LEGISLATION**

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On motion of **Commissioner Flunder**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted:

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3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Laskin, Ernestine Weiss and Emeric Kalman stated their concerns on this item.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

746th Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 746th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 1999 at 2:08 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
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Absent:
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2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commissioner Salinas announced that Item # 8 would be heard at 3:15 p.m. He then thanked staff for their efforts on Coffman Pool and other aquatic issues.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

New Summer Hours for Visitors to McLaren Lodge
In an ongoing effort to improve customer service, the Recreation and Park Department is pleased to announce that McLaren Lodge will be open to visitors on summer weekends, effective June 26, 1999. A staff person at the Lodge's main switchboard/reception desk area will be on hand Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept phone calls, assist visitors, and provide maps, brochures, and other visitor information. The main switchboard can be reached at (415) 831-2700.

Visiting Dignitaries
With the start of the summer and tourist season, we have had several visiting dignitaries. In May, a group from Ireland had a park tour that ended at Tenderloin Children's Playground with a rousing game of football. Audree Jones-Taylor was the defending champion! In early June, two Vice Mayor's from Paris, France, San Francisco's sister city, visited Golden Gate Park. Then, in mid-June, 19 delegates from China came to hear about our gardening techniques and tour Strybing Arboretum. On June 29, a group of 17 gardening experts came to visit our parks on a tour from U.C. Berkeley. The word is out that the park system in San Francisco is not to be missed on any tour!

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The Recreation and Park Department has applications available for the Park Renaissance Crusade Action Projects and will be selecting action projects for funding where there is an active neighborhood Organization or community group working to support a facility. Eligible projects will be small-scale, physical improvement projects (approximately $50,000), and will provide a great benefit to the facility or community. Eligible projects to be considered for grants include pathway paving, landscape irrigation, landscape renovation, facility painting, roof repair, fencing repair or replacement, and many others. The Recreation and Park Commission will approve the final project recommendations in September. Funds to initiate the projects will be available in October. A proposed workshop to answer questions and assist the community in distributing the proposals will be held August 10. **Deadline for submitting applications to the Recreation and Park Department is Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 6:30 p.m.**

ALL STAR Cricket World Cup Match
Working with the Mayor's Office, 3COM, and the Property Management Unit, the Post Media Group (PMG) is putting on an International ALL STAR Cricket World Cup match at 3COM Park on August 3, 1999. An estimated attendance for this internationally televised event is around 10,000 people. San Francisco, New York and Toronto are the three cities hosting this international event and we are proud to be included. In addition to the exposure in the media, the Department will receive substantial revenue for this one-day event, furthering our marketing efforts for 3COM Park once the Giants have left in 2000.

Crocker Amazon Baseball Field
A groundbreaking ceremony is expected to take place in the next few weeks at Crocker Amazon, Baseball field #1. This field is being renovated in partnership with the Giants Community Fund, Good Tidings Foundation, and the Recreation and Park Department.

Golden Gate Park, Reforestation and Golf Division
The Golden Gate Park sewer and drain water project being staged at the East End of the park is approximately 50% completed. Part of the West End beautification project, which includes a path from the Beach Chalet Visitors Center to the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden, has been completed. Reforestation has completed removing nine pine trees at Transverse and Martin Luther King Drive. The Golf Division will he addressing public hearings concerning the contract proposal involving Harding Golf Course

3291 Principal Recreation Supervisors
I would like to welcome the five new 3291 Principal Recreation Supervisors; Frank Cassinelli, Paula Hamilton, Sandy Lee, Shawna McGrew and James Threat. The selection of these new permanent Supervisors will help in the operation of the Department. Next month, the selection process for the Assistant Supervisors will commence filling all the supervisorial positions in Recreation.

Aquatic Section Summer Pattern
The Aquatic Section Summer Pattern Selection took place on June 25. New assignments and Summer programming has begun in full force. Summer Learn to Swim Lessons are at capacity.

Summer Outings
Summer outings for the playgrounds began in mid June. Directors are planning exciting and different outings for the children's enjoyment. More outings are taking place in and around the City to introduce many children to the wonders of our fine city.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 3, 1999	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee 2:00 p m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, August 4, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 5,1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge

Commissioner Murray requested that item 3(i) 3Com be brought back to the finance committee meeting for further discussion and **Commissioner Chin** requested that a member of the Parking Authority be present at that meeting

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal, at the request of the Zoological Society asked for non-substantive Amendments to item 4c

On motion of **Commissioner Friend,** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9909-123**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 1999 and the Special Meeting of July 15, 1999.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9909-124

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of the following gifts valued at $113,100.00

1) From Friends of McKinley Square $6,500.00 for improvements to hillside pathways at McKinley Square.
2) From Friends of the Peace Plaza $95,000.00 for the Japan Town Peace Plaza.
3) From the estate of Jane Coney gifts to the Conservatory of Flowers valued at $11,600.00.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9909-125

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572 as amended:

Purchase

Houston Zoo 1513 N. MacGregor Houston, TX 77030-1603	2 unknown sex blue-gray tanager (bird) Purchase $200.00 USDA # 74-C-0082

Donation To

Lindsay Wildlife Museum 1931 First Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Colonies of Insects Donation
Ciardi Ranch #3 San Andreas Valley Road Millbrae, CA 94030	2 Peafowl (bird) Donation

Donation From

Coyote Point Museum 1651 Coyote Point Drive San Mateo, CA 94401-1097	Colony insects Donation

Loan From

Racine Zoo 2131 No. Main Street Racine, WI 53402-4772	1 male patas monkey Breeding Loan USDA # 35-C-0031

Sale To

Denver Zoo 2300 Steele Street Denver, CO 80205-4899	1 unknown sex kookaburra (bird) Sale: $200.00 USDA # 84-C-0002

D. DOLPHIN SWIMMING AND BOATING CLUB RES. NO. 9909-126

APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO LEVY A MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT OF UP TO $150.00

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a request from the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club to levy a membership assessment of up to $150.00 to fund improvements at the Club.

E. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF PRO SHOP AND SNACK BAR CONCESSION
APPROVAL OF A CONSENT TO SUBLEASE ALLOWING ARNOLD PALMER GOLF MANAGEMENT LLC TO SUBLEASE TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CORPORATION RES. NO. 9909-127
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Consent to Sublease that will allow Arnold Palmer Golf Management LLC to sublease to Central California Beverage Corporation its food and beverage operations at Golden Gate Park Golf Course.

F. LINCOLN PARK GOLF PRO SHOP AND RESTAURANT RES. NO. 9909-128
APPROVAL OF A CONSENT TO SUBLEASE ALLOWING ARNOLD PALMER GOLF MANAGEMENT LLC TO SUBLEASE TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CORPORATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Consent to Sublease that will allow Arnold Palmer Golf Management LLC to sublease to Central California Beverage Corporation its food and beverage operations at the Lincoln Park Golf Course.

G. LINCOLN PARK GOLF RESTAURANT RES. NO. 9909-129
APPROVAL OF A RENT CREDIT FOR ARNOLD PALMER GOLF MANAGEMENT LLC NOT TO EXCEED $45,931.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a rent credit for Arnold Palmer Golf Management LLC for improvements to the Lincoln Park Golf Course Restaurant not to exceed $45,931.00.

H. WALTER HAAS PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9909-130
APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND FRIENDS OF WALTER HAAS PARK ON THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PARK RENOVATION DRAWINGS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which defines the project scope and the roles and responsibilities of the Department and the Friends of Haas Park on the preparation of preliminary park renovation drawings.

I. DUBOCE PARK RES. NO. 9909-131
APPROVAL OF A REVISED CONCEPTUAL RENOVATION PLAN FOR THE DUBOCE AVENUE PLAY AREA
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a revised conceptual renovation plan for the Duboce Avenue play area.

J. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9909-132
APPROVAL OF PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF FORMERLY TEMPORARY BASKETBALL AND VOLLEY BALL COURTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve permanent placement of formerly temporary basketball and volleyball courts.

J. MISSION DISTRICT NEW PARK RES. NO. 9909-133
APPROVAL OF SOIL REMEDIATION PLAN AND CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve a soil remediation plan and a conceptual improvement plan for the new park site at 23rd Street and Treat Avenue in the Mission District.

L. MURPHY'S WINDMILL AND MURPHY MILLWRIGHT'S COTTAGE
APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION RES. NO. 9909-134
Discussion and possible action supporting nomination of landmark designation for Murphy's Windmill and Murphy Millwright's Cottage in Golden Gate Park.

M. **GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE SIGNALS** **RES. NO. 9909-135**
APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC'S PLAN TO UPGRADE SIGNALS ALONG FELL AND OAK STREETS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve Department of Parking and Traffic's plan to upgrade signals along Fell and Oak Streets.

N. **FAY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **RES. NO. 9909-136**
APPROVAL OF CORRECTION OF GUIDELINES
RESOLVED, That this Commission approve inclusion of Russian Hill Homeowners Group as part of the Fay Park Advisory Committee which was inadvertently omitted from approved text.

5. **EXCELSIOR PLAYGROUND AND BASKETBALL COURT**
APPROVAL OF RENOVATION OF EXCELSIOR PLAYGROUND BASKETBALL COURTS
Discussion and possible action to approve the renovation of Excelsior Playground basketball courts, located at Russia Avenue and Madrid, for the Recreation and Park Department to receive a gift-in-place from the Golden State Warriors and Good Tidings Foundation.

Jim Delfino, Assistant Superintendent, presented this item to the Commission. Good Tidings Foundation's mission is to share the spirit of giving with youth of communities in need to assist in empowering them to reach their goals and dreams. This will mark the second collaboration that the Department has experienced with Good Tidings. The first was the renovation of Crocker Amazon Baseball Diamond No. 1 and outfield area.

In partnerships with Good Tidings, Golden State Warriors, and the Recreation and Park Department, it is the goal to completely rebuild the basketball courts at Excelsior Playground and improve the park area s surrounding the courts.

The Recreation and Park Department will be responsible for removing the existing court and the debris from the location, and prepare the site for the new surfacing. Good Tidings and the Golden State Warriors will be responsible for the back boards, surfacing and painting of the courts, as well as any improvements to the fencing that may be removed to gain access to the facility. This project is made possible through the generosity of Good Tidings basketball court refurbishment program. The desired completion date is October 30, 1999.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Getty** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9909-137**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the renovation of Excelsior Playground basketball courts, located at Russia Avenue and Madrid, for the Recreation and Park Department to receive a gift-in-place from the Golden State Warriors and Good Tidings Foundation.

6. **WEST END PAVILION**
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS FOR THE WEST END PAVILION IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
Discussion and possible action adopting a resolution approving plans for the West End Pavilion in Golden Gate Park to be managed by the Recreation and Park Department to be available for public use and acceptance of Pavilion as a Gift in Place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks valued at $500,000. 00.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, presented this item to the Commission. The west end pavilion was approved as a part of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The proposed pavilion/community room, to be funded by the Friends of Recreation and Parks, is a new 1,970 square foot structure within the compound of the Millwright's House. The proposed pavilion will accommodate approximately 150 persons calculated at seven sq. ft. per person. In addition, the building will include restrooms, a kitchen, a small office and a small storage area. The one-story building, designed by Sim Van Der Ryn, is an environmentally sensitive structure using innovative construction techniques. The

design of the building includes a specialized roof that will be landscaped and berming around the building so that it will blend into the park. The new pavilion will be available for educational programs and public assembly. Specific uses include rental for parties, receptions, weddings, environmental education programs offered through the department or other non-profits such as the friends, schools or other groups, community/neighborhood meetings, and meetings of park users groups such as soccer clubs. The Millwright's House will remain as it is.

A community meeting was held Concerns were expressed regarding an additional structure in the Park and the use of private donations in the funding of this project, among other comments.

The project will be a gift in place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks through a grant from the Lila Wallace Readers Digest Foundation as well as smaller donations from other individuals and groups. The public also recommended that the Commission consider the removal of the Millwright's House from the park when the current tenant moves out of the facility.

Donna Ernstson and **Mike Nicoson** of Friends of Recreation and Parks spoke in support of this item and answered questions of the Commission.

Emeric Kalman spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9909-138**
RESOLVED, That the Commissioner approves plans for the West End Pavilion in Golden Gate Park to be managed by the Recreation and Park Department to be available for public use and acceptance of Pavilion as a Gift in Place from the Friends of Recreation and Parks valued at $500,000.00.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK RESERVOIR AND PUMP STATION APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO A.R. CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,298,242.00**
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to A.R. Construction Co. in the amount of $7,298,242.00 for the Golden Gate Park reservoir and pump station.

The reservoir and pump station project is the keystone of the Golden Gate Park's 1992 infrastructure project. It provides for the construction of a 1.5 million gallon reservoir underneath the existing compost area. In addition, it provides for a pumping plant to distribute water throughout the park. The reservoir will cull ground water available from the park wells system. The design of the pump station will permit pumping well water throughout the park. It is also designed to allow for the pumping of well water should that become available at a future date. In addition, the project provides for new sewer lines throughout the west end of the park..

Eight bids were received on the project. They were extremely competitive. As determined by HRC bid preference, all were below the engineer's estimate. The lowest bidder is A.R. Construction Co. They are a local/minority business enterprise.

A representative of A.R. Construction Co. answered questions from the Commission.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted. **RES. NO. 9909-139**
RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to A. R. Construction Co. in the amount of $7,298,242.00 for the Golden Gate Park reservoir and pump station.

8. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY OF RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDIES ON DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING AND FACILITIES**
Presentation and discussion only of 1) the Department Assessment Project by Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, 2) Financial Challenges and Opportunities by Sandra Hernandez, M.D., CEO, San Francisco Foundation and 3) Statement from Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager acknowledged and thanked those staff and members of the assessment committee for their hard work and tenacity in completing the Assessment Report. He then gave a detailed report on the Assessment Project . Following his report, **Dr. Sandra Hernandez** outlined the financial challenges and opportunities of the Department. The information she presented was from extensive work by the San Francisco Park Alliance. Next, **Mayor Brown** presented his four-point plan to the Commission in detail: 1)Enhance revenues from State and Federal Sources, 2) Increase private contributions to parks – not privatization, 3) A Charter Amendment, and 4) A General Obligation Bond.

Following the presentation **Commissioner Salinas** directed the Department to implement immediately - the enhancement of state and federal sources and increasing private contribution to parks. He then directed the Department to work with the Mayor's office, the Board of Supervisors and the advocacy groups on the remaining two items needed to finish up the package - the charter amendment and the general obligation bond.

Margaret Brodkin, Coleman Advocates, **Marybeth Wallace,** Parent Advocates for Youth, **Donna Ernstson,** Friends of Recreation and Parks and **Ernestine Weiss, Anne Halsted** and **Ron Miguel** spoke in support of this item.

John Laskin and **Emeric Kalman** spoke on this item.

9. **BAYVIEW PLAYGROUND RENAMING**
INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY ON RENAMING BAYVIEW PLAYGROUND TO ROTEA GILFORD PARK
Presentation only of the renaming of Bayview Playground to Rotea Gilford Park.

Audree Jones-Taylor, Superintendent Southern Section presented this item to the Commission. She explained that this had been heard at the Parks and Planning Committee, explained the renaming policy of the Commission and then discussed the issues surrounding this item.

Willa Simms spoke in support of this item but also was open to further discussion of another location.

Espinola Jackson, Barbara Viltz and Fannie Allen spoke in opposition to this item.

10. **HARDING PARK/FLEMING GOLF COURSES**
APPROVAL OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SHORT LIST OF CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE TO PROCEED TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PHASE
Report and discussion on the results from the Harding Park/Fleming Golf Courses Request for Qualifications and approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation for the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal phase.

At its July 1999 meeting, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a Request for Qualifications for the Lease, Management, Operation and Renovation of the Harding Park and Fleming golf courses. **Jaci Fong** summarized the process that was followed to determine the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal.

The Selection Committee recommended six of the candidates to proceed to the Request for Proposal. Those candidates are: American Golf, Arnold Palmer Golf, LLP, BSL Golf Corporation, CourseCo, Inc Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited and Kemper Sports Management.

Bill Dudley stated his concerns about citizen input on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9909-140**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does and approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation for the short list of candidates eligible to proceed to the Request for Proposal phase.

11. **HARDING PARK/FLEMING GOLF COURSES**
APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE LEASE, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND RENOVATION AND APPROVAL TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Discussion and possible action to approve the Request for Proposal for the lease, management, operation and renovation of the Harding Park/Fleming Golf Course and approval to issue this Request for Proposal.

Staff explained that the Request for Proposal was developed with the following objectives:

- To enhance recreational opportunities for San Francisco residents of all ages by creating a world class golf course complex at Harding Park.
- To maintain accessible and affordable golf for the residents of San Francisco
- To preserve and enhance the opportunities for City employees at Harding Park
- To establish a source of dedicated funding to ensure the fulfillment of ongoing maintenance, capital projects and equipment needs
- To establish a proven youth golf program that is entirely self-supporting
- To preserve and enhance the general fund revenue contribution received from the golf courses to continue to fund recreational programs City-wide
- To create a model for environmentally sustainable golf
- To cause to be completed the improvements necessary to bring the PGA TOUR Championship to Harding Park Golf Course without using General Fund revenues

Staff then addressed the submittal requirements, the evaluation criteria and the revised project schedule.

Bill Dudley Emeric Klaiman, John Laskin and **Judy Spain** addressed their concerns on this item. **Derek Smith** spoke in support.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9909-141**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Request for Proposal for the lease, management, operation and renovation of the Harding Park/Fleming Golf Course and approval to issue this Request for Proposal as amended: 1) Evaluation criteria be changed to A) 30%, B) 20%, C) 25% and D) 25%, and 2) item nine be a presentation to the full Commission

12. **GARFIELD SQUARE**
APPROVAL OF HALF-COURT BASKETBALL AREA
Discussion and possible action to approve a half-court basketball area at Garfield Square.

Garfield Square is located at 26th and Harrison. The park includes a clubhouse, pool building, youth soccer field, playground and a small grassy area south of the pool building

Several years ago, 26th Street was closed to traffic. At that time, there was an existing basketball court that served par users and residents of the adjacent housing project. Because there were concerns about the drug dealing and anti-social behavior that occurred in the vicinity of the basketball court, the court was removed and 26th Street was reopened to vehicular traffic. Subsequently, the housing project has been torn down and new housing is being constructed.

At that time, approximately three years ago, an appropriation was made through the Open Space funds to build a basketball court for the park. Several studies have been done showing potential locations and sizes of the proposed court. Three community meetings have also been held to review the site studies and discuss this issue.

Some neighbors in the community expressed concern that a new basketball court would create the same problems associated with the old court. They are also concerned that the court would encroach on an existing lawn area. Other people in the community feel that because the new court will be fenced and better managed by park staff, it would not necessarily be the cause of problems that occurred in the past. Furthermore, they feel that there is a need for a basketball court at Garfield Square and that a variety of recreational facilities should be made available to neighborhood youth. While there may be other court facilities at Rolph Playground and Mission Recreation Center, an additional court would be well utilized and would minimize the potential for "turf wars."

The proposed basketball court is less than school-size half-court. It will be completely fenced. The court will be accessed through the recreation building and supervised by the Recreation staff. It will be a green color and will be located within an area between the pool building and the Recreation Center. The basketball standard will be a portable unit but a footing and sleeve will be included in the original construction to allow future installation of a permanent standard. Vehicle access to the field will still be available by installing vehicle gates in the court fencing.

On motion of **Commissioner Getty**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9909-142**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a half-court basketball area at Garfield Square.

Glenda Powell spoke in support of this item.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Glenda Powell spoke on Garfield Park, **Andrea O'Leary** spoke on the Board of Supervisors Dog Task Force Report, **Phil Carlton** spoke about having a Bison Muriel, **Emeric Kalman** spoke on the public involvement/knowledge of the committees and committee reports to the Commission, **Joan Girardot** spoke about the assessment and the Marina Green

14. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 746th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

747th Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 747th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 21,1999 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
William Getty
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Salinas presented Commission Certificates of Honor to Scott Golde and Oscar Jimenez.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

Junior Golf Events

Two Junior Golf events were held in September at Harding Park. The Tiger Woods Junior Golf Clinic on September 6th, was attended by over 180 youth from throughout our recreation programs. The event, which featured clinics by Tiger and other professionals, as well as motivational speeches by Mr. Earl Woods, was received enthusiastically by our youth. This provided a jump-start for the Department's Junior Golf Program "Meeting the Greens". On September 25th, the Department, in conjunction with Kids Golf and the Minority Golf Association of America (MGAA) sponsored a Drive Pitch and Putt contest for over 100 junior golfers from various recreation centers. Participants and the organizers deemed the event, which for the first time included a clinic for novice golfers, a great success. The enthusiasm of the participants, which was witnessed by our staff as well as Supervisor Michael Yaki, was remarkable. These events have laid a strong foundation for Meeting the Greens. MGAA and the Good Tidings Foundation have pledged their support for the program in the form of equipment and supplies. Staff will be presenting a collaborative proposal to the Commission in the Month of November as well as, a Turkey Tournament for youth at Golden Gate Golf Course the week before Thanksgiving.

Park Patrol

The Park Patrol officers are non-licensed or sworn Peace Officers that provide an array of responsibilities ranging from monitoring facilities, securing restrooms, gates, patrolling citywide parks, writing citations, removing illegal campers, staffing the vehicular barricades, providing customer service for citizens and responding to emergencies. The Park Patrol Division currently has seven officers with one vacancy. The Department has TX two positions to bring the staffing level of Park Patrol up to 10 officers and one supervisor for neighborhood parks, squares, and Golden Gate Park. There are currently five officers at 3Com Stadium. The Department is in the process of reorganizing the division to enable the officers to provide the following services:
Security: Park Patrol will monitor and secure the properties under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department. As required, Park Patrol will endeavor to first inform park patrons of violations to the Park Code and as a final resort seek conformance through the issuance of citations. They shall actively work with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD)

and report acts of vandalism or other unlawful acts on park properties. Park Patrol shall always determine an appropriate course of action that will maintain personal safety. **Docent Services**: The Department will introduce, by the first of the year, a Docent Program for Golden Gate Park and selected neighborhood parks. We anticipate providing tours of McLaren Lodge, Strybing Arboretum, various sections of the Park, and the Beach Chalet. It is our direction to conduct similar tours with support from the communities at McLaren Park, Buena Vista, Cayuga, and others. In order to provide a quality service, it is the goal of the Department to reassign two officers on a rotation basis to the Neighborhood Parks and Squares where they will be more visible and accessible to the community. It is the Department's hope that, in moving in this direction, we will reduce some of the negative elements, and activities, that occur on parkland. The Strybing Arboretum Society will provide training for Park Patrol staff. The Department will provide educational opportunities for Park Patrol staff to enrich their professional public outreach skills related to park features and environmental topics. A full program outline will be presented at the Park Planning Committee in December.

Who Hie Yen, Garden of Peace of Joy

We dedicated one of the most beautiful new parks in the City on October 7, 1999 – Who Hie Yen in Chinatown. This park is the result of years of efforts by several civic and community organizations including the Art Commission, DPW, the Committee for Better Parks & Recreation in Chinatown and the Chinatown Community Development Center. The park features a beautifully designed arched gateway, tai chi courtyard, wooden bridge, pagoda, play area, and an ornate floor medallion. This park will prove to be an integral part of the neighborhood, and will allow citizens to pursue leisure activities in a magnificent setting.

Douglas Playground

One of the most exciting projects to take place in the Department is the renovation of Douglas Playground. This project was completed in partnership with gamete (play structure manufacturer), and the Recreation and Park Department. From start to finish the project took just three months. This time frame included community meetings to determine what the community wanted. From demolition to completion the construction took place in just three weeks. Included in the installation process was a three-day seminar that gamete provided to Department Structural Maintenance staff and San Francisco Conservation Corp workers.

Macauley Park

We are thrilled to break ground on the renovation project at Macauley Park located in the Tenderloin District. This park has been closed to the public for a number of years at request of the community. Funds have now been raised to renovate the play area and enhance this park for family entertainment. With open space at a premium in the Tenderloin District of the City this park will serve many children on a daily basis.

Bicycle Information Signs

As identified in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, bicycle information and regulations should be posted at all park entries, consistent with the proposed entry sign system. It is the Department's goal to protect the fragile soils of Golden Gate Park from severe erosion that has occurred in many areas due to off-road bicycle use. Recently, Staff has conducted a site visit to identify all park entry points and appropriate locations to post signs. Staff identified 60 locations around the park's perimeter. Signs that read, "Bikes Permitted on Roadways and Designated Pathways Only," have been fabricated and will be installed by the Department's Maintenance Yard. We expect to have the signs posted by the end of November 1999.

Middle Drive West Road Closure

As indicated in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, several roads are identified to be closed to automobile traffic. Staff has been working with the Maintenance Yard on closing three roads; Middle Drive West, Bernice Rogers Way and 47th Avenue. Currently, the closure of Middle Drive West has been completed. This project entailed closing off a stretch of road approximately 500 linear feet long located just east of Metson Lake. This closed area will become a designated bicycle learning area where the public can learn bicycle skills in a safe area.

Joseph Alioto Dedication
A dedication of two bronze plaques honoring the late Joseph Alioto was held on Saturday, October 9th at the Joseph Alioto Performing Arts Piazza, formerly known as Civic Center Plaza.

McKinley Square
McKinley Square opened to the public on September 18 with Mayor Brown and over 150 people in attendance. The Recreation staff from Herz and Jackson had a craft table set up in the new children's play area and a great time was had by all. Renovation to the new facility not only included a new play structure but also included a new irrigation system, sod, and an ADA accessible ramp. The Committee did an outstanding job in organizing a full day event with music and entertainment.

Crocker Amazon Diamond # 1
The Crocker Amazon dedication was on September 25th, and opened to the public on October 10th with the Roberto Clemente League Championship Game. Renovation work included a new infield and outfield area, a new backstop, new fencing around the entire facility, a new mound and warning track. Funding became available thanks to the generous donation of the Giants Community Fund and the Good Tidings Foundation who contributed more than half of the monies needed for the project. Mayor Brown, Larry Baer, Executive Vice President of the San Francisco Giants, Larry Harper of the Good Tidings Foundation, were on hand for the dedication along with parents and kids from the San Francisco School District, and Park and Recreation Centers throughout the City.

The San Francisco Giants
The San Francisco Giants said goodbye to 3Com Park on September 30th with both pre game and post-game ceremonies. Over 63,000 fans came to bid their final farewell to current and past Giants players. Due to the departure of the Giants, staff at 3Com will no longer have the responsibility of taking such excellent care of the field for Giants home games. It also means the days of converting the field from baseball to football, and back again is over. We are entering a new era at 3Com. The Giants will be missed, but the opportunity to utilize 3Com as never before is exciting, as well as the potential to generate revenue.

Dates to Remember

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Wednesday, November 3, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 4,1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Thursday, November 11, 1999	Veterans Day Holiday
Thursday, November 25-26 1999	Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dan McKenna presented the Tiger Woods Foundation Certificates to Demaro Gregory and Alex Kirick.

Commissioner Flunder requested information on Macauley Park. **Commissioner Getty** requested additional hours and locations for the residents of San Francisco to obtain resident cards for golf. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** asked for the report listed on the agenda in regard to what the Board of Supervisors are doing on Recreation and Park issues. Joel Robinson gave a brief report. **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** and **Commissioner Chin** stated that the reason for this report would be to coordinate efforts between the Commission/Department and the board. At each of the monthly meetings they would

like to be updated on what occurred at the hearings, what items are going to be heard at upcoming hearings, and requested a liaison. **Tom Fox** presented a timeline on the mayor's four-point plan.

Emeric Kalman spoke of recent Marina Green events, the permitting, notification of the neighborhood and the trampling of the Marina Green as it related to these events.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal stated that she also received a complaint from a member of the public about the condition of the Marina Green after one of the events.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Chin requested that item 4I be removed from the consent calendar.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal,** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** and unanimously approved the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9910-143**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 1999.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS **RES. NO. 9910-144**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors acceptance of the following gifts valued at $165,300.00:

1) From Phillip F. Rollins, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
2) From Gail A. Grynbaum and John R. Theede, $5,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
3) From Theodore H. Swindells, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
4) From Pacific Union, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
5) From Daniel McGill, $1,250.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
6) From William T. O'Brien, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
7) From Peter Drino, $2,500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
8) From Sunny and Mark McKee, $1,500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
9) From Betty Kohlenberg, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
10) From Sandy Dean, $1,000.00, for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
11) From Jackie S. Merovich, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
12) From Peter W. Applegate, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
13) From Noel E. Frelicot, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
14) From an anonymous donor, $25,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
15) From Donald F. Reid, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
16) From Peter James Neubauer, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
17) From H. Charles Vogt, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
18) From Donald Reid, $3,500.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
19) From Todd Oppenheimer, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
20) From Scott M. Haskins, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
21) From Thomas M. Paper, $1,000.00 for the Dolphin Club Building Fund.
22) From Banc of America Securities LLC, $1,500.00 for Sunnyside Playground.
23) From San Francisco Examiner, $17,000.00 for Midnight Basketball.
24) From San Francisco Orchid Society, $1,250.00 for the Orchid Preservation Fund.
25) From Friends of McKinley Square, $2,300.00 for the Circulation Paths at McKinley Square.
26) From US croquet Assoc. of Northern California, $2,500.00 for Park Maintenance.
27) From AT&T, $25,000.00 for the Tiger Woods Golf Clinic.
28) From Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., $5,000.00 for the Tiger Woods Golf Clinic.
29) From Chevron Products Company, $12,000.00 for the Tiger Woods Golf Clinic.
30) From Walter & Elise Haas Fund, $20,000.00 for the Friends of Walter Haas Park
31) From S.F. Partnership for Parks, $25,000.00 for the Parks Needs Assessment Project.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9910-145
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

DONATION FROM

Lindsay Museum 1931 First Ave. Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Colony of Gulf Fitillary Caterpillars Donation
Helmut Will 1376 Terrace Dr. Millbrae, CA 94030	10 unknown sex yellow-legged paper wasp Donation
Michou Olivera 2882 Birdsall Ave. Oakland, CA 94619	1 male African hedgehog Donation

DONATION TO

Richard Micke 24900 – 4th Ave. Los Molinas, CA 96055	1 male and 1 female Cochin chicken Donation
Lindsay Museum 1931 First Ave. Walnut Creek, CA 94596	1 female Mexican red-kneed tarantula Donation

D. JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA RES. NO. 9910-146
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM MECCA TO PRODUCE "HALLOWEEN S.F." ON OCTOBER 31WITH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND SALES AND APPROVAL OF FEE WAIVER

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Mission Economic Cultural Association's request To produce "Halloween S.F.", a one-day gated event at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on Sunday, October 31 through November 1, 1999 with alcohol (beer and wine) consumption and sales. MECCA is also requesting a fee waiver for this event including service fee and performance bond.

E. POLO FIELD RES. NO. 9910-147
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR "OUTDOOR 24" ON OCTOBER 30-31, 1999 FOR USE OF THE PAVED TRACK AT THE POLO FIELD IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve California Outdoor Roller-skating Association Request for "Outdoor 24" an attempt to break the 24 hour world record for skating. This record attempt is part of the skate Against Hatre and Violence Campaign at the lower paved track area of the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park form 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30 to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 31,1999.

F. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9910-148
RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL IN 18 SPECIFIC FACILITIES AND PARKS

RESOLVED, That this Commission does urge the Board of Supervisors to extend the ban of consumption of alcoholic beverages to 18 additional facilities and parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department.

G. **HAYES VALLEY PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9910-149**
APPROVAL OF A REVOCABLE PERMIT AGREEMENT FOR SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY TO USE THE HAYES VALLEY PLAYGROUND FOR A HEAD START PROGRAM
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Revocable Permit Agreement between the San Francisco State University and the Recreation and Park Department to operate a Head Start Program at Hayes Valley Playground.

H. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL AND FOOD CONCESSION RES. NO. 9910-150**
APPROVAL OF A REVISED RFP FOR THE LEASE AND OPERATION OF THE GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL AND FOOD CONCESSION
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revised Request for Proposal for the Lease and Operation of the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession.

J. **SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR RES. NO. 9910-151**
APPROVAL OF INCREASES OF FEES FOR EIGHT ITEMS AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve increases of fees for eight items at the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor.

K. **GOLDEN GATE STABLES** **RES. NO. 9910-152**
APPROVAL OF A LOTTERY SYSTEM TO ALLOCATE PERMANENT BOARDER STALLS AT THE GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a lottery system to allocate permanent boarder stalls at the Golden Gate Park Stables.

The following item was heard as a separate item :

I. **PARK RENAISSANCE ACTION PROJECTS-SECOND ROUND**
APPROVAL OF A SECOND ROUND OF ACTION PROJECTS AWARDS AND ALTERNATES
Discussion and possible action to approve a second round of Action Project awards and alternates.

Commissioner Chin stated that he was very supportive of the action grants and had this item removed to make sure that the commission heard some of the sentiment from the Finance Committee. These are excellent projects and the committee would like to see the department pay special attention to the other projects that did not get funding to assist in finding funding for the alternates. These were all wonderful projects that came from the community.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin,** seconded by **Commissioner Getty** and unanimously approved the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9910-153

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a second round of Action Project awards and alternates.

5. **UNION SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJET**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION TO REVIEW MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR UNION SQUARE
Discussion and informational presentation to review minor modifications to the conceptual improvement plan for Union Square.

Bob MacDonald with the Department stated that this was a project that the Commission had reviewed in December of 1998 the conceptual plans for Union Square. At that time the commission requested that any modifications come back to the commission for review. He then introduced **Don**

Alameda the project manager of the project, who made the presentation to the Department. He explained the ongoing process and the addressed the two fundamental changes. Originally the Post Street ramp was to be closed. Now after determining that the ramp is crucial to the garage, the Powell Street ramp will be closed instead. The second change is that instead of 2,500 square feet of enclosed building there will be only about 1200 square feet or less. The uses will be the same.

Linda Mjellan and Jim Chappell spoke in support of this item.

6. **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GROUNDWATER UTILITIES PROJECT TO JMB CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to JMB Construction, Inc. in the amount of $2,338,600.00 for the San Francisco Zoo Groundwater Utilities Improvements Project.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Flunder**, seconded by **Commissioner Friend** the following resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Chin, Flunder, Friend, Getty, Murray, Newhouse Segal; Noes: Salinas:

RES. NO. 9910-154

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract for the San Francisco Zoo Groundwater Utilities Improvements Project to the lowest bidder based upon the recommendation of the Human Rights Commission.

7. **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT TO THOMPSON PACIFIC
Discussion and possible action to approve an award of contract to Thompson Pacific in the amount of $1,970,000.00 in base bid and up to $212,000.00 in additive alternatives at the discretion of the San Francisco Zoological Society for the San Francisco Zoo Animal Resource Center Project.

Bob Deliso presented item numbers 6 and 7 together. After his brief presentation to the Commission, he stated that this was still going through the HRC approval process. He then asked for approval of the award of contract. **Commissioner Murray** stated that they normally receive additional information , i.e. who bidders are, details of their bid and details of the presentation. **Bob Deliso** had bid tabs and the Commission requested copies of these for both items number 6 and 7. **Commissioner Salinas** stated that the approval process is usually completed by the time items get to the Commission and he was uncomfortable with both items. **Bob Deliso** stated that a delay in both of these projects there could be a delay in the animal resource center.

Emeric Kalman requested these items be postponed and asked questions of the Commission.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Friend**, seconded by **Commissioner Flunder** the resolution was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Chin, Flunder, Friend, Getty, Murray, Newhouse Segal; Noes: Salinas:

RES. NO. 9910-155

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to Thompson Pacific for the Animal Resource Center Project or the lowest bidder according to the Human Rights Commission.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 9 THROUGH 11.**

9. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (a) WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.**

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** and voted unanimously the Commission adjourned into closed session.

10. **POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.11 (b):**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISITNG LITIGATION
CLAIM FILED BY MARC LIBARLE, CLAIM NO. 98-018832

11. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.**
a) possible report on action taken in closed session government code section 54957.1 and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.14AND b) vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussion held in closed session San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.14 (a)

The Commissioner returned from closed session. On motion duly made by **Commissioner Murray,** seconded by **Commissioner Newhouse Segal** and unanimously approved the following motion:

The deliberates during closed session remain confidential.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernestine Weiss spoke on the issues of skateblocks, new benches at interior at Block 202 and move the amplified sound from the greens and her request for any notification of events. **Andrea O'Leary** thanked the Commission for approving the Action Projects.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

Commissioner Murray stated that he and **Commissioner Chin** have requests on how the Commission will deal with the management of 3Com pending the vacancy of the Giants. He requested that **Jaci Fong** update the Commission. **Jaci Fong** made a brief presentation and then answered questions of the Commission. **Jim Delfino** also commented on the management of the grounds at 3COM. The Commission requested that staff present to the Commission a proposal in November. **Commissioner Chin** supported **Commissioner Murray**'s request that the Commission look at any ideas as a package that may help with revenues. **Commissioner Murray** requested a list of potential people and alternatives of each. **Commissioner Getty** asked **Jaci Fong** to update the Commission on the status of additional site and hours for obtaining resident cards. **Commissioner Flunder** addressed her concerns of the stables. She also requested what Recreation and Parks' responsibility and the Zoological Society's responsibility for the Bison Paddock and requested that it be in writing.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

748th Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.

The 748th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 18,1999 at 2:10 p.m. by President Jim Salinas, Sr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Jim Salinas, Sr., President
Gordon Chin, Vice President
John W. Murray
Lynne Newhouse Segal

Absent:
William Getty
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Salinas moved the President's Report.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

Golf Program
The Department sponsored the Players West Professional Golf Tournament the week of October 24th at Harding Park. This marks the first time women's professional golf tournament has been held at one of our facilities. By all accounts, the event went well and our facility was praised by the golf pros. As part of this event a girls junior golf clinic was held on October 24th. Thirty girls from various recreation centers received two hours of hands-on instruction from the pros. The interaction was special and our junior golfers really benefited from this clinic.

On Saturday, November 20th the Department is sponsoring the First Annual Turkey Tournament for junior golfers at Golden Gate Golf Course. Winning teams will receive holiday turkeys and all participants will receive memento from the event. This is the first Department wide junior golf event and will hopefully encourage our junior golfers to practice over the winter for what promises to be a busy junior golf 2000 season.

Arboretum – new Garden Director
After extensive interviews in partnership with the Strybing Arboretum Society, I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new Garden Director. Mr. Scott Medbury who has worked as a consultant for the Garden and is completing his Ph.D. at Berkeley is a widely recognized horticultural leader in this country. The Department congratulates and welcomes Scott to the exciting challenge of leading the Arboretum into the next millennium

Excelsior Playground Basketball Court
We dedicated the renovated basketball court on October 30, 1999. Through a partnership with Good Tidings Foundation and the Golden State Warriors the Recreation and Park Department was able to renovate and dedicate the basketball court at Excelsior Playground. With a concentrated effort from our Maintenance Yard and the generosity of these two foundations the project was able to proceed in record time. This is the second partnership we have completed with Good Tidings Foundation (Crocker Amazon Baseball Field with SF Giants Community Fund was the first) and is a model of the kinds of partnerships the Department is actively seeking. It is a perfect match of a for-profit, non-profit and city agency coming together for the benefit of the citizens of San Francisco.

Macaulay Park
The structural Maintenance Division has completed the first phase of the lighting project at Maccaulay Park, which will allow issuance of NTP (Notice to Proceed) to the contractor. Upon completion of the contractor's work, Structural Maintenance will resume and complete their next phase of the lighting project.

Rolph Nicol Park
Structural Maintenance completed the formwork, which included inner forms for the play apparatus area; started installation of header boards for the pathways; and completed installation of the drain system, as well as the repainting of apparatus poles.

Coffman Pool
The new disabled lift for the pool has been installed and is used daily by the participants in the Senior Water Exercise Class. The lift was installed on October 18, 1999.

Halloween Parties
The Northern and Southern Divisions held major Halloween activities at every clubhouse and recreation center. The parties ranged from little trick-o-treat to major haunted houses reaching a large number of children throughout the Northern and Southern Divisions.

Holiday Tree Lighting – December 8, 1999
We are excited to invite all of you to our annual tree lighting on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. We will again be lighting trees in Alioto Piazza and the official tree of San Francisco at McLaren Lodge. While Alioto Piazza is a new tradition that began last year, community people look forward to the festivities at the lodge all year long. We will again have the colorful train under the tree in front of McLaren Lodge and an array of activities for children of all ages. Alioto Piazza will have a simple ceremony with the San Francisco City Chorus entertaining guests as they sip hot cider and admire the lights.

In addition to the General Manager's report, **Elizabeth Goldstein** gave a legislative update and **Chris Mack** gave an update on the management/marketing of 3COM. After much discussion amongst the Commission on the 3COM item, **Joel Robinson** asked for clarification on the direction the department was to take. **Commissioner Murray** stated that the Commission was asking the city attorney to review the issues surrounding 3Com and also moving ahead with the RFI covering both categories of management while making it clear that the Commission may not do the lease at this time but that the Commission does want to hear from them so a decision can be made. **Commissioner Chin** concurred.

Jim Reuben, representing the San Francisco 49ers, stated that they wanted to offer their cooperation on the item and wished to participate and requested the 49ers be in the RFI and RFP list.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, December 7, 1999	Recreation, Parks & Planning Committee 2:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 1, 1999	Joint Zoo Committee 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 2, 1999	Finance and Administration Committee 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Friday, December 24, 1999	Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 31, 1999	Holiday

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Emeric Kalman asked for clarification on the amount of the donation on 4B (a) and asked why the zoo is not under the same rules for acceptance of gifts.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9911-156**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 1999.

B. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9911-157**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept of the following gifts valued at $56,000.00:

a) from the Friends of Japantown Peace Plaza, $55,000.00
b) from the After Work Tennis Club of the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex, $1,000.00 to support youth tennis programs

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS** **RES. NO. 9911-158**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Purchase From

Woodland Park **5500 Phinney Ave. N.** **Seattle, WA 98103**	**1 male and 1 female white-faced whistling duck** **Purchase $90.00/pair** **USDA 91-C-0001**

Donation From

Helmut Will	**3 male Arizona mantids (insect)**

1376 Terrace Drive Millbrea, CA 94030	Donation
Wendy Spackman 108 Addison Street San Francisco, CA	1 male California tarantula Donation

Sale To

Hutchinson Zoo PO Box 1567 Hutchinson, KS 67501	1 male, 1 female snowy owl $600.00 pair USDA 48-C-0025

D. **PROJECT INSIGHT ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9911-159**
APPROVAL OF TRIP TO EUROPE JUNE 9 – 19, 2000.
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Assisted Recreation Division's Project Insight Europe tour for 15 to 20 Deaf young adults, June 9-19, 2000.

E. **WOH HEI YUEN PARK** **RES. NO. 9911-160**
APPROVAL OF PARK CLOSURE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the closure of Woh Hei Yuen Park from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

F. **REIS TRACT**
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THAT WILL SERVE AS STANDARD BY WHICH PUC WOULD CONSIDER JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF REIS TRACT IN 2004 **RES. NO. 9911-161**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual improvement plan that will serve as a standard by which the PUC would consider a jurisdictional transfer of the Reis Tract in 2004.

G. **RICHMOND RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 9911-162**
APPROVAL TO NAME NEW FACILITY "RICHMOND RECREATION CENTER"
RESOLVED, That this Commission does name the new facility at 19th Avenue and Clement Street in the Richmond District the "Richmond Recreation Center".

These items were passed unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **CHARTER AMENDMENT**
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS A NEW CHARTER SECTION 16.107
Discussion and possible action urging the Board of Supervisors to submit to the voters a new charter section 16.107, that would extend and modify the Open Space Fund.

This item was presented by **Elizabeth Goldstein,** the Director of Operations and Physical Planning. A recently completed Assessment Study identifies a substantial need for capital funds, as well as other types of funding. One of the key sources of funding to resolve that capital need is the Open Space Fund. The current Open Space Fund is set to sunset in Fiscal 2004-2005. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Charter Amendment would go before the voters in March, 2000.

The new charter section 16.107 will continue to set aside $0.025 of every $100.00 of property valuation to fund the Recreation and Open Space Fund. In addition, the new charter language:

- Insures a steady funding stream for the capital and land acquisition needs of the Recreation and Park Department.
- Allows the Board of Supervisors to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds secured by the revenues of the Open Space Fund. This provision allows the Department to respond to opportunities such as matching grant programs.
- Provides for sound mechanisms for allocation funds through strategic planning, the development of a prioritized capital plan and an operational plan.
- Creates incentives for the Department to generate additional revenue by allowing RPD to reprogram these sources.
- Places the authority for capital projects in the hands of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Staff recommends approval of a resolution from the Commission urging the Board of Supervisors to submit to the voters a new charter section 16.107, that would extend and modify the Open Space Fund.

Emeric Kalman asked for the total valuation of real estate in San Francisco, asked why DPW was opposing this item, requested that the item be postponed and stated that he was opposed to this item.

Ernestine Weiss stated that it was important that the public know that it is not an additional tax.

On motion of **Commissioner Newhouse Segal**, seconded by **Commissioner Murray** the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9911-163

RESOLVED, that this Commission does urge the Board of Supervisors to submit to the voters a new charter section 16.107, that would extend and modify the Open Space Fund.

This item was passed unanimously.

5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANT/S APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN PREPARING A STRATEGIC PLAN**
Discussion and possible action to approve the Request for Proposal for a consultant or a team of consultants to assist the Department in preparing a strategic plan.

Elizabeth Goldstein, the Director of Operations and Physical Planning, presented this item to the Commission. One of the key recommendations of the Assessment Study that the Department completed was that the Department develop a strategic plan. This recommendation was also echoed in the findings of the San Francisco Park Alliance.

In preparing the strategic planning effort, several guidelines emerged as essential aspects of a successful project. The first was that the strategic plan should involve everyone in the Department in some aspect of its development. The plan should be developed quickly but thoughtfully. To that end, a strategic planning committee, made up of a cross section of the Department staff and perhaps a member of the Commission, will oversee that process. The consultant or consultants will be responsible for working with that committee to map out the strategic planning effort and to implement it. In addition to the internal process a series of meetings with the Department's key stakeholders will take place to test the strategic planning direction as it develops.

The draft RFP is based on preliminary discussions with key stakeholders to the process, Department staff and potential consultants. The estimated cost for the projects is $200,000. The Department is

seeking philanthropic support for 50% of the project cost, so that work could commence in February, 2000. The balance of funds will be included in the Department's annual budget request.

Commissioner Newhouse Segal stated her concerns on this item.

Emeric Kalman stated his concerns on this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray**, seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9911-164

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Request for Proposal for a consultant or a team of consultants to assist the Department in preparing a strategic plan.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES**
PRESENTATION OF THE 2000-02 CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN
Presentation and discussion only of the 2000-02 Children's Services Plan by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Nani Coloretti, with the Mayor's office of Children, Youth and Families presented this item to the Commission. She stated the mission of the department and went through each of the recommendations for 2000-2002:

1. Create a City-Wide Framework to Coordinate San Francisco's Children and Youth Services
2. Adopt the Revised Quality of Life Benchmarks
3. Develop Indicators to Show Outcomes for each of the Benchmarks Through the City-Wide Strategic Planning Process
4. Allocate the next two years of Children's Fund based on the Core Principles

Commissioner Salinas officially adjourned the meeting at 3: 50 p.m. as there was no longer a quorum.

Nani stated that San Francisco has been a national leader in supporting children's services by taking a multi-faceted approach to engage parents, youth, neighborhoods, city leaders and agencies, schools, the business community and community service organizations in order to build the capacity of neighborhoods to support the healthy development of children and youth citywide. In the next two years, DCYF, through its adoption of a results based framework, will leverage the Children's Fund to improve services and their impact on the lives of children, youth and their families. It is the department's goal to move San Francisco from the second best City in America to raise children to the very best City in the nation to raise children.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Patch spoke about his concerns in regard to Camp Mather.

ADJOURNMENT

The 748th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary